

**Question for written answer E-010704/2014  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Arrest of Damián Gallardo Martínez

Damián Gallardo Martínez, a teacher and indigenous activist, was arrested in May 2013 in the State of Jalisco (Mexico), falsely accused of kidnapping minors and of organised crime. The prosecution's evidence fails to prove any involvement in the crimes he is accused of. But more importantly, Mr Gallardo has been subjected to torture and to cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment ever since he was first detained. A number of men, not identified as members of the security forces, forced him to incriminate himself and give information on Section XXII of the National Education Workers Trade Union as part of what is clearly a pattern of harassment of community leaders by the Mexican State.

Is the European External Action Service (EEAS) aware of these events happening in May 2013?

Does the High Representative know about these events?

The EU-Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement is based on 'Respect for democratic principles and fundamental human rights' and Article 39 thereof makes these principles effective. Bearing this in mind, what steps are the High Representative and the EEAS Delegation in Mexico prepared to take?