

**Question for written answer E-010706/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL)

Subject: VP/HR - Indigenous movements in Guatemala

Indigenous movements in Guatemala are reporting systematic violations of their fundamental rights, remilitarisation of the country and state discrimination against indigenous peoples. They have described specific cases of repression and arbitrary detentions of indigenous leaders and social activists, such as those that took place in Santa Cruz de Barillas at the beginning of the year.

They also complain that the International Labour Organisation's 1989 Convention No 169 concerning indigenous and tribal peoples in independent countries is not being complied with.

Will the High Representative include the situation regarding indigenous movements in Guatemala in her bilateral agenda with that country?

Will the High Representative take any initiatives in this regard, bearing in mind the principles enshrined in the EU-Central America Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement, to which Guatemala is a party, and in the light of Articles 1, 3, 8 and above all 45 of the Agreement, on cooperation on indigenous peoples?

Does the High Representative have any information on the repression of indigenous movements in Guatemala?