

Question for written answer E-011133/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Impunity in Mexico - Disappearance of 43 students in Iguala

Investigations into the disappearance of 43 students under suspicious circumstances in Iguala (Guerrero, Mexico) following a public protest held on 26 September 2014 have led to the arrest of the Mayor of Iguala and his wife, on suspicion of having ordered the abduction and murder of the students and the subsequent disposal of their bodies with the complicity of police officers and a local drug syndicate.

According to the Mexican Attorney General, Jesus Murillo, suspected gang members have confessed to killing the missing students. The remains of one of them have already been found.

Mexican drug traffickers, organised crime organisations and government officials (from mayors to police officers) regularly operate with total impunity in Mexico.

1. In view of the EU-Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement, in particular Articles 1, 2 and 3 thereof, as well as Article 21 TEU and Article 220 TFEU, what actions is the VP/HR going to take to force the Mexican Government to comply with international law in order to ensure human rights are respected in Mexico?
2. Does the VP/HR intend to cooperate with the UN in setting up an independent committee of inquiry to shed light on this alarming situation?