

Question for written answer E-000612/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Use of unmanned aerial vehicles by United States

It is well known that the use by the USA of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in its wars has been growing in recent years. This constitutes a constant threat to peace and security in various parts of the world.

In the future, the USA plans to extend its use of these UAVs in Latin America in order to monitor flows of migration. In 2016 US contractors will have operational capacity for this purpose thanks to the construction of an airport for UAVs near the city of El Paso in the USA.

1. Can the High Representative say how the European Union plans to collaborate with the United Mexican States in order to address this threat to their security?

In the United States of America over a hundred activists have been arrested, some of whom still remain in prison, for attending demonstrations near the Hancock Field air base, from which UAVs used to carry out selective assassinations in Afghanistan are controlled.

2. Does the High Representative consider that this conduct is characteristic of a democracy?
3. What initiatives will the High Representative propose at international forums on human rights so that the USA puts an end to its repression of peaceful protesters?