

**Question for written answer E-001551/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Mexico - Case of Damián Gallardo Martínez

Damián Gallardo Martínez, who is an advocate of indigenous peoples and education, has been under arrest since May 2013. Brought up in the region of Mixe in the State of Oaxaca, he has formed part of various committees for the liberation of political prisoners and has also participated actively in other activities such as the teachers' struggle and on behalf of initiatives for community and popular education for indigenous people in Mixe and Zapoteca in the mountain region of Oaxaca.

In its Opinion No 23/2014 on this case the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention concludes that his detention and arrest were arbitrary. It further states that his imprisonment appears to be due to his activities to promote the human rights of the indigenous peoples of his region. The Opinion points out that the Mexican Government has breached its international obligations and calls for the competent authorities to take steps to redress the injustices committed against Mr. Gallardo.

In the context of the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Mexico, what measures will the EU adopt in this regard?