

Question for written answer E-003873/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances: conclusive report on Mexico

In its conclusive report on Mexico published in February 2015, the United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances (CED) determined that disappearances were widespread in the country and urged the Mexican Government to take measures to prevent them and to solve all pending cases. The CED also provided specific recommendations to the government. Shockingly, just hours after the CED published its conclusions and recommendations, the Mexican Government dismissed the report for 'not contributing additional elements' to address the problem. It therefore seems that the Mexican Government is unwilling to acknowledge the severity of the crisis, and its position in relation to the recommendations could be a sign that it will ignore any criticism of its failed strategies in the area of public security. This decision is extremely alarming given the fragile state of human rights in Mexico.

1. Does the EU, having regard to the EU-Mexico Partnership Agreement, intend to express its deep concern regarding the fact that the Mexican Government's statement implies that it has rejected the CED's recommendations?
2. Does the EU, having regard to the EU-Mexico Partnership Agreement, intend to urge the Mexican Government to publicly and officially accept all the recommendations made by the CED and to take all necessary steps to fully implement them?