

**Question for written answer E-003874/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Struggle of human rights defenders in Guatemala

A recent report published by the *Unidad de Protección a Defensoras y Defensores de Derechos Humanos de Guatemala* (Unit for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders in Guatemala) reveals that there were 657 attacks against human rights defenders in Guatemala in 2013, a figure that rose to 810 in 2014. In addition, the report places the spotlight on the situation of land rights defenders and the violence they experience when they raise their voices against the negative impact of companies involved in natural resource extraction.

1. Does the EU intend, through concrete diplomatic efforts, to urge the Guatemalan authorities to truly commit to protecting human rights defenders and dealing with the structural sources of social conflict?
2. Does the EU, in accordance with Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, intend to ensure that the principle of Policy Coherence for Development is respected in EU trade and investment policy in Guatemala, in particular with regard to land issues?