

**Question for written answer E-007417/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Human rights situation in Honduras

Honduras is a strategic partner in trade relations and cooperation with the EU, it is the second-largest recipient of EU ODA in Latin America, it is a party to the EU-Central America Association Agreement (the provisions of which centre around upholding the rule of law, promoting human rights, democracy and public freedoms), and is currently in the third round of talks on a bilateral voluntary partnership agreement with the EU.

Over the coming weeks Honduras will undergo its second universal periodic review (UPR). Reports brought forward by civil society in Honduras and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in September 2014 and February 2015 show that the recommendations set out in the previous UPR on human rights, democracy, justice and freedoms have not been acted upon, and indeed the situations concerned have actually deteriorated.

If the new UPR does confirm that the human rights situation has stagnated and/or worsened, what implications will that have as regards the maintenance and scope of relations between the EU and Honduras?