

Question for written answer E-007916/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Police killings in United States

On 9 August 2014 Michael Brown, a citizen of Ferguson, was killed by police for no apparent reason, which caused a wave of protest against abuse and racist violence by the police. Several similar cases have occurred in the intervening months, such as in North Carolina, where Walter Scott was killed in cold blood, or the recent case of Freddie Gray in Baltimore.

In this last case, six police officers have been charged with the murder of the young African-American, twenty-five years of age, killed by police without good reason, as well as failing in their duty to provide assistance when he asked for medical treatment after being shot.

These cases highlight a clear infringement of human rights in a country which is a strategic partner of the EU.

Does the Vice-President/High Representative believe that police killings by a strategic partner such as the United States are tolerable?

Does the Vice-President/High Representative consider it appropriate to continue negotiating the TTIP in view of the high standards of human rights in the EU?

Does the Vice-President/High Representative support the peaceful demonstrators fighting for the human rights of African-American citizens in the United States?