

**Question for written answer E-008265/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Case of threats against Flor Valerio Gómez in Colombia

In 2009, a citizen who went to vote in the mayoral election in Río Viejo (southern Bolívar department, Colombia), Flor Valerio Gómez, was included, alongside 23 others, on a list of people threatened with death. Publication of the list had been preceded by several murders in the area, the perpetrators of which were unidentified.

Ms Valerio felt she was in danger, so she reported these threats to the Colombian Public Prosecutor's Office and requested political protection. This protection was refused, breaching Ms Valerio's entitlement to protection because of the death threats. Ms Valerio therefore lodged a formal complaint about the public prosecutor for her case for having acted improperly by failing to provide her with protection. This process has dragged on for the last few years, without being resolved.

Was the Vice-President aware of Ms Valerio's case?

Now that she has this information, is the Vice-President considering asking the Colombian Government for an explanation?

Does the Vice-President think, since the terms relating to defence of human rights and help for the victims of violence in the association agreement with Colombia have been breached, that this agreement should be reviewed?