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Subject: VP/HR - Persistent use of enforced disappearance in Colombia

A number of sources have reported an increase in enforced disappearances in Colombia. In 2014, 126 people (93 men and 33 women) were forcibly disappeared. Up to mid-March 2015, a further 33 victims were recorded.

What is more, NGOs have condemned the fact that there is no consolidated data on the number of people who have disappeared. The various institutions give markedly different figures: 21 000 according to the National Register of Disappeared Persons, 44 841 according to the Victim Registry and 69 000 according to the Public Prosecutor's Office. The lack of progress in enforced disappearance cases is a further matter for concern; more than 80 % of incidents reported do not advance significantly beyond the preliminary investigation stage.

1. Is the EU providing funding to any of the institutions responsible for recording and identifying disappeared persons?
2. What specific action is the EU Delegation taking against the persistent use of enforced disappearance, both through NGO programmes and with the judicial authorities and governments?
3. If the issue of enforced disappearance was discussed at human rights dialogue sessions, what conclusions were drawn?