

**Question for written answer E-010813/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

Rule 130

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Subject: VP/HR - Identification of human rights defenders in the European Parliament

At a meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (Eurolat) held on 4 June 2015, the MEPs Luis de Grandes Pascual and Agustín Díaz de Mera referred to Yessika Hoyos, one of the rapporteurs present, as representing an organisation close to the FARC-EP guerrilla group.

Their description extended to the work done by the José Alvear Restrepo Lawyers' Collective, which has been the subject of precautionary measures by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights since 2001, and which is one of the most widely-recognised human rights organisations in Colombia and has even been asked by the Colombian Government to submit a transitional justice proposal under the Havana negotiations.

Statements like this place the lives of the persons identified at great risk.

1. Does the High Representative not view statements of this kind as presenting an obstacle to her policy on Colombia?
2. Will she take this opportunity to ask Messrs De Grandes and Díaz de Mera to apologise to the person identified and safeguard her work?