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to the Commission**

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Subject: Human rights violations in Nigeria

On 3 June 2015 Amnesty International published a report on human rights violations by the Nigerian Army during operations against the terrorist group Boko Haram. The figures are alarming: more than 7 000 people have died in detention, there have been 1 200 summary executions and 20 000 cases of arbitrary arrest.

A joint communiqué issued following the November 2014 EU-Nigeria Ministerial Dialogue welcomed the Nigerian Government's commitment to human rights and both parties promised to respect human rights in their fight against terrorism.

In light of the Amnesty International report, it has to be said that there is no justification for the optimism displayed in that joint communiqué and the Nigerian Government's commitment to human rights is barely credible. Has the Commission already asked the Nigerian Government for an explanation of the repeated human rights violations perpetrated by its security forces?

The Amnesty International report names officers who may have been directly responsible for crimes against humanity. Will the Commission undertake to ensure that those accused are brought to justice?