

**Question for written answer E-012129/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - EU-Mexico cooperation to prevent and eradicate torture

The United Nations special rapporteur on torture recently described torture in Mexico as 'generalised'. This assessment is borne out by the official figures: the number of complaints of torture rose by 733% between 2012 and 2014, and the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) received 7 000 complaints between 2010 and 2013. Cases such as Tlatlaya and Iguala exemplify the context of impunity that exists in the country.

In the light of this situation and the United Nations special rapporteur's appeal to the international community to assist Mexico in its fight to eliminate torture and end impunity, and bearing in mind that combating torture is one of the priorities listed in the EU action plan on human rights 2015-2019:

1. What conclusions has the VP/HR reached and to what extent is she following the main investigations being carried out in Mexico into cases of torture and human rights violations?
2. What specific measures will be implemented in the short term to combat torture, adopted as part of the fifth high-level bilateral dialogue on human rights between Mexico and the European Union?
3. What type of support is being provided for NGOs operating in Mexico and working in this field, and what contacts are the VP/HR and the European External Action Service maintaining with these organisations?