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to the Commission**

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Subject: VP/HR - International investigation into missing students in Mexico

In October 2014 Parliament, in an urgency resolution, urged the Commission to take several measures in response to the case of the 43 students that went missing in Iguala, Mexico¹.

An international committee of experts, appointed by the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights, announced on 6 September 2015 that there is no evidence to support the Mexican government's conclusion that the students were executed and their bodies burned by a drug gang. The report's conclusions² are a sharp reprimand to the government and its authorities. The report finds that the brutal actions show the extent of impunity with which the state security forces acted along with organised crime³.

1. Does the VP/HR share the grave concern and pose the same serious questions as those expressed in the report of the independent experts, and does she agree that the findings expose systematic problems?
2. Within the framework of EU-Mexico bilateral cooperation, what action has the VP/HR and/or the EEAS taken to follow-up on the investigation, including during the EU-Mexico summit of 12 June 2015 and the High-Level Dialogue on Human Rights of 16 April 2015?
3. Given the findings of the recent report, what steps will the VP/HR and/or the EEAS take to ensure that the truth is uncovered and justice served?

¹ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-%2f%2fEP%2f%2fTEXT%2bTA%2bP8-TA-2014-0041%2b0%2bDOC%2bXML%2bV0%2f%2fEN&language=EN>

² <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1ChdondilaHd29zWTMzeVMzNzA/view>

³ <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/07/world/experts-reject-official-account-of-how-43-mexican-students-vanished.html>