

Question for written answer E-013369/2015/rev.2
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Yessika Hoyos, human rights defender, is still receiving threats

On 4 June 2015, at the meeting of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly's Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights in Brussels, MEPs Luis de Grandes Pascual and Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra moved that human rights defender Yessika Hoyos Morales be removed from the speakers' list, accusing her of having links with the FARC, even though she had been invited as a representative of the Colombia-Europe-US Coordination organisation (CCEEU), the Colombian Platform for Human Rights, Democracy and Development (PCDHDD), and the International Office for Human Rights Action on Colombia (OIDHACO).

Yessika Hoyos is a lawyer. Over the past few months, she and her family, including her baby, have suffered constant accusations, persecution and intimidation in relation to her work as a human rights defender.

1. Can the High Representative make a statement about these incidents, which are again putting in danger victims of the Colombian conflict who are committed to the peace process?