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Subject: VP/HR - Human rights in Mexico and updating the Global Agreement

On 26 September 2014, 43 students disappeared in Ayotzinapa (Mexico) following a large-scale, indiscriminate attack. One year on, their whereabouts are still unknown, and it is not known who was responsible.

Some 26 000 people have disappeared in Mexico to date. It is stated in the 2015 report on Mexico drawn up by the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances (CED) that disappearances have become commonplace. The report calls for steps to be taken to prevent them and resolve outstanding cases.

Human rights are a fundamental pillar of the EU-Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement (known as the Global Agreement), which has been in force since 2000. That agreement is currently being updated.

1. In updating the Global Agreement, does the EU intend to make the human rights clause more effective so that civil society can make use of it?
2. Does the EU intend to include, in the future Global Agreement, a system to monitor the implementation of human rights, including protection for victims and their families, as the CED calls for in its report?