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Subject: Detention of a Swedish citizen in Peru

On Christmas Day 2015, the Swedish citizen Ángel Alfredo Villaverde Hospina travelled to Lima airport from Sweden to visit his family and friends. When he arrived, the Peruvian authorities violently detained him and tried to extort money from him. He is still being detained under the pretext that he belongs to a guerrilla group.

Mr Villaverde fled Peru in 1995 and sought political asylum in Sweden. For ten years, he has been an active member of the Swedish Green Party in Sundsvall, where he is the spokesman for the party.

Before he left, he received confirmation from his lawyer that he was not on any Peruvian State black list and that he was certain to be able to return to Sweden. What is more, his family has proof that he was elected as the spokesman for a legal Peruvian party around the same time as he was accused of being a member of an illegal group.

Is the Delegation of the European Union to Peru aware of the – patently illegal – detention of Mr Villaverde?

How is it helping to secure the immediate release of Mr Villaverde?