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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Murder of the activist Nelson García in Honduras: growing impunity and continuous human rights violations

The violence and impunity continue in Honduras. Just 12 days after the reprehensible murder of Berta Cáceres on 3 March 2016, there has been a new victim. Nelson García – an indigenous peasant activist and member of the Honduras Civic Council of People's and Indigenous Organisations (Copinh) – died from four shots suffered during his violent eviction at the hands of the Military Police (PMOP) in the village of Río Chiquito, Cortés department.

Murders of human rights activists are on the rise. The World Health Organisation reports that some 20 people are murdered every day. Human rights organisations are demanding protection for Copinh activists. However, it is worrying to note the EU's inaction and indifference, which equates to complicit silence over the terror and purges being endured in Honduras.

What specific steps will the EU be taking to ask for the results of the impartial investigations from the Honduran Government?

Will the VP/HR be demanding protective measures to prevent further murders of human rights activists who have already been threatened, and impartial investigations to put a stop to impunity?