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Subject: Anti-money laundering and the future EU-Mexico Global Agreement

The EU is currently reviewing the EU-Mexico Global Agreement. Results of this review indicate that Mexico is the country with the greatest illicit capital flows stemming from drug trafficking and other illicit activities, which, in many instances, are linked to human rights violations.

One of the main pillar of the agreement will continue to address issues of democracy and human rights. In the light of this, and taking into account a study presented by Parliament's Committee of International Trade on April 2016 regarding the impact of financial services in EU Free Trade and Association Agreement on Money Laundering, Tax Evasion and Elusion, which concludes that 'liberalisation of trade in goods and services with developing countries increases the threat of money laundering, and that it is therefore likely to contribute to an increase in illicit financial flows from developing countries to the EU', the Commission is asked to answer the following:

1. What concrete measures will it take to ensure that the future Global Agreement include provisions addressing any potential risks that the agreement may raise as regards illicit financial flows and money laundering?
2. How will it properly address, within the terms of the new Global Agreement, the relationship between Mexican organised crime assets and potential human rights violations?