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Subject: VP/HR - Human rights in Mexico on the second anniversary of Ayotzinapa

At a time when the negotiations to update the EU-Mexico Global Accord are gathering pace, it is coming up to two years since the events in Ayotzinapa, in other words the forced disappearance of 43 students in Iguala, in the Mexican state of Guerrero. Their parents are continuing to demand the truth and justice, as the case remains unresolved.

The Mexican Attorney-General's Office has tried to claim – without any proof – that the students are dead, and President Peña Nieto has called on the country to turn the page, as if this were a political incident that could be surmounted by rhetoric. The truth is still unknown, justice is not being done, and the human rights situation in Mexico is getting worse every day.

The EU has done little more to date than look the other way, deeming trading relations with Mexico to have higher priority than respect for human rights.

1. What practical steps will the EU take to make the Mexican Government redouble its efforts to throw light on this blatant violation of human rights?
2. What binding specific measures to defend and promote human rights is the EU seeking to include in the future global accord with Mexico?