

**Question for written answer E-007921/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Assassination of human rights' defenders in Honduras

After a succession of murders of human rights' defenders, Honduras's prominent rural leader and head of the Unified Campesinos Movement of the Aguan Valley (MUCA), Jose Angel Flores, was assassinated in public and in cold blood.

Well known for his actions in defence of poor farmers against bigger landowners' efforts to grab their land, he received repeated death threats from the para-state and was recently illegally arrested by the government.

1. What specific action will the VP/HR undertake to ensure an independent investigation of this crime by the authorities of Honduras and the protection of people threatened because of their action in defence of human rights?
2. When you say you are engaged in promoting the protection of human rights and the application of the guidelines on human rights' defenders in the political dialogue between the EU and the authorities of Honduras, what are the concrete commitments and results you have achieved so far?
3. What are the concrete outcomes so far of the implementation of the EU cooperation programmes PADH, EuroJusticia or any others?