

**Question for written answer E-001440/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Killing of human rights defenders in Colombia

While the Colombian government is denying that the killing of human rights defenders is systematic, the number of murders is increasing: at least 14 cases were recorded between 1 January and 6 February 2017. There are also numerous reports of threats and attacks by neo-paramilitaries, who are stepping up their presence in areas previously controlled by the FARC. The state's response remains inadequate and it is failing to provide the necessary human rights guarantees, a cornerstone for building peace. One example is the Urabá region, where the San José de Apartadó Peace Community, a finalist for the 2011 Sakharov Prize, and the Cacarica humanitarian zones are reporting incursions and attacks by neo-paramilitaries on a daily basis.

1. Is the Commission considering devoting part of the Trust Fund to the implementation of point 3.4 of the Final Agreement on victims, guarantees and the dismantling of paramilitary organisations?
2. Is the Commission considering creating a mechanism, mainly comprising civil society, to monitor and assess the implementation of the fund?
3. Is the EU planning to devote part of the fund to finance civil society directly, without it being subject to the requirements of the Colombian authorities?