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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Human rights in Mexico

The Mexican National Commission on Human Rights (CDNH) has published a *Informe especial sobre desaparición de personas y fosas clandestinas en México* (Special report on missing persons and hidden graves in Mexico) which reveals shocking figures. According to official sources, between 2007 and 2016, 855 hidden graves have been found in Mexico. Some 1 548 bodies have been exhumed, the majority of which have yet to be identified.

The report states that Mexican judicial bodies filed around 57 861 missing persons reports between 1995 and 2015.

However, the figures provided by the Mexican Government are not entirely convincing. According to the Mexican Attorney General's office, 201 graves containing 662 bodies were found between 2005 and 2015, while the Mexican Ministry of Defence counted 246 graves containing 534 bodies between 2011 and 2015 alone.

In view of this serious human rights situation and the crimes against humanity taking place in Mexico,

1. What is the EU's position on this situation?
2. What steps will the EU take to obtain reliable information from the Mexican Government on this matter?