

Question for written answer E-002804/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Follow-up on the illegal detention of Milagro Sala in Argentina

The Argentinian Attorney-General, Alejandra Gils Carbó, and the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention consider the arrest of indigenous leader Milagro Sala to be illegal and have demanded her release. In March 2017, the Attorney-General delivered two opinions to Argentina's Supreme Court declaring that Sala is being detained illegally and calling for her immediate release. However, neither opinion is binding.

Moreover, on 11 April 2017, Argentina's Supreme Court sent a report on Milagro Sala's state of health and detention conditions to judges in the Province of Jujuy, where Sala, a Parlasur MP, has been detained since 16 January 2016.

Despite the legal evidence showing Milagro Sala's detention to be unlawful, the President of Argentina, Mauricio Macri, is avoiding the situation by stating that the case is a matter for the courts in Jujuy.

In view of this violation of human rights, a delegation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) is scheduled to visit the indigenous leader in May 2017.

1. Will the EU join that Commission on this visit or carry out a similar visit of its own?
2. What steps will the EU take to obtain reliable information from the Argentine Government on this matter?