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Subject: VP/HR - Obstacles to the peace process in Colombia

We are concerned about events related to the peace process in Colombia and the recent Constitutional Court ruling on the fast-track legislation needed to implement the peace agreements. There could be a delay of more than a year in enacting the laws and no deadline has been put in place for their implementation, which in turn extends the time frames and increases the costs associated with the post-conflict phase, the protection of rural areas and the path towards effective demobilisation, and damages public trust. The ruling has been a controversial decision to large sections of civil society and political forces, who claim that Article 22 of the Constitution must take precedence.

As the European Parliament supported the peace process in Colombia and the establishment of the post-conflict Trust Fund, which was signed off in 2016, we want to know:

- 1. Does it plan to take any measures to step up the international support provided to the peace process in Colombia? Following the Constitutional Court ruling, what measures will the EU put in place to support the implementation of the agreements?
- 2. How much is the Constitutional Court ruling going to affect the development and implementation of the Trust Fund?

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