

**Question for written answer E-004063/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - EU's role in the Colombian peace agreement

In November 2016, the Colombian government and the FARC-EP signed a peace agreement under which the parties are to ask the EU to monitor implementation of the item 'Towards a new Colombian countryside: comprehensive rural reform'.

Following the recent debate on palm oil, which is a monoculture grown in several parts of Columbia without regard for either fundamental human rights or proper social standards, the European Union should help ensure the implementation of this item of the agreement in order to promote the development of many of the country's rural areas and protect human rights, particularly in Mapiripán (Meta).

1. Will the EU take action to monitor implementation of the item 'Towards a new Colombian countryside: comprehensive rural reform' as set out in the peace agreement?
2. What specific measures – human, financial and technical resources – will the EU allocate to this monitoring process?
3. What timescale is envisaged for the EU to carry out this monitoring process?