

Question for written answer E-004720/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Non-renewal of the mandate of UN envoy by the new Haitian Government

The new president of Haiti, sworn in in February, has decided not to renew the mandate of the UN independent expert on human rights. This comes in the wake of a report submitted in March and approved by the Human Rights Council which condemned human rights violations confirmed by NGOs on the ground and recommended a raft of measures to the Haitian Government. The decision came without warning and in spite of calls from national and international organisations for the mandate to be maintained. The government has not yet appointed any official responsible for human rights or set up any inter-ministerial mechanism to coordinate government action in this area, as was recommended in the report. In view of the above, how will the EU broach the issue of human rights in dialogue with the new government, encourage it to renew the UN expert's mandate and help Haiti to fulfil its obligations to report to the UN on its human rights situation?