

**Question for written answer E-005707/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Enforced disappearances

30 August 2017 marked the UN-designated International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances. Several civil society organisations have called for the release of all victims of enforced disappearance, urging the international community to support demands for justice made by victims' families. In Syria, since protests that took place in 2011 and even before, thousands of people have been disappeared, as the Syrian Government has systematically adopted the practice as a response to those exercising their legitimate rights to freedom of expression and association. The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR) estimates that 65 000 people have disappeared since 2011.

Will the VP/HR commit to talks with the Syrian Government in order to put an end to the systematic use of enforced disappearance? Are there any prerequisites for international cooperation in order to tackle this issue?