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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Delay in dismantling paramilitary structures in Colombia

The EU has given a commitment to provide political and financial support to build a lasting/sustainable peace in Colombia. However, there is a notable lack of progress in implementing a number of points of the Agreement, such as the National Commission on Security Guarantees, which, almost a year after it was established, has still not published any work plans for the shaping of public policies on guarantees to protect human rights and dismantle neo-paramilitary structures.

It has also failed to present the 'pilot plans' for the cities of Tumaco and Buenaventura, where homicide rates have risen, and the commission as a whole has not yet carried out any regional visits. No work plan has been submitted for the Special Unit in the Public Prosecutor's Office, which was created specifically to investigate links between neo-paramilitary structures and political, economic and military elites and to reduce the extremely high levels of impunity that foster continued violence and undermine victims' rights to truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence.

1. Will the EU call for specific action and results from the Colombian Government in this area?
2. What monitoring and accountability mechanisms has the EU put in place to ensure transparency and practical results?