

**Question for written answer E-000147/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Risk of deportation facing thousands of Salvadoreans in the US

In 2001, after El Salvador had been hit by two devastating earthquakes, the George W. Bush Administration granted Temporary Protected Status to help tens of thousands of Salvadoreans who were seeking refuge in the United States. The lifting of Temporary Protected Status, announced on 8 January 2018, could lead to around 200 000 Salvadoreans being deported from the US to their country of origin in 2019. Twice that number may be affected if dependent family members are included. It is easy to foresee that this wave of deportations will give rise to a serious humanitarian crisis in a small and impoverished country like El Salvador, as well as an economic crisis, given that remittances from Salvadoreans living in the US account for around 17% of the country's GDP.

In view of this likely scenario, how will the EU dissuade the US from carrying out these deportations and, if they go ahead, what instruments will it activate to help El Salvador accommodate an influx of people on this scale?