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Subject: follow-up to the European Parliament Resolution of 16 February 2017

Exactly one year ago the European Parliament adopted, in plenary session, its Resolution 2017/2565 (RSP) on Guatemala, notably the situation of human rights defenders. In it, it stressed its concern that the continuous acts of violence and lack of security could have a negative impact on human rights defenders being able to fully and freely carry out their activities; In addition to emphasising the importance of respecting ILO Convention 169 on prior consultation, the Resolution also called for a strengthening of the system of protection of human rights defenders in Guatemala, and called on the European Union to increase its technical assistance funds for this task.

One year later we note with concern that, far from having improved, the situation of human rights defenders in Guatemala has deteriorated, as demonstrated by their increasing criminalisation, as exemplified by the cases of Lolita Chávez and Bernardo Caal.

- 1) What recommendations of Resolution 2017/2565 (RSP) have been implemented and to what extent?
- 2) Has there been an increase in the funds and technical assistance to promote an improved protection of human rights defenders in Guatemala? If so, by how much?