

Question for written answer E-002298/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Access for FARC to resources from the EU Trust Fund for Colombia

Ever since the breakdown of the El Caguán negotiations in 2002, FARC and some of its leaders have been included on the US list of terrorist organisations and on the Clinton List.

For those concerned, inclusion on the Clinton List means they are unable to open or manage a bank account anywhere in the world, even though they have not been brought before a court and no proof has been produced or final, irrevocable sentence passed that confirms their involvement in the accusations made against them.

The EU has set up a Trust Fund, signed in 2016, in order to help with implementation of the Peace Agreement in Colombia. The Fund focuses particularly on the first point of the Agreement, which deals with comprehensive rural reform.

The EU took FARC off its list of terrorist organisations after the Peace Agreement had been signed. However, its inclusion on the Clinton List makes administering the funds earmarked for reinsertion of FARC's former guerrilla fighters in civilian life extremely difficult.

- 1) Has the EU been informed of this problem for one of the parties signatory to the Peace Agreement?
- 2) Is the EU willing to take steps to make it easier for FARC to obtain the funds assigned to it?