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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Human rights defenders: the case of Sara Quiñones and Tulia Maris in Colombia

Sara Quiñones and Tulia Maris were arrested on 20 April, 2018 on the pretext of being supporters, helpers or ideologues of illegal armed groups. The criminalisation of protesters in Colombia is a situation that has been denounced by the Colombian Attorney General himself, who has announced the creation of a special unit to follow up at least 40 criminal proceedings in which human rights defenders have been victims or prosecuted without just cause.

Human rights organisations have protested that the case of Sara Quiñones and Tulia Maris is one of these irregular cases.

The European Union has on several occasions declared its commitment to human rights defenders in Colombia. In view of the above, will the Commission say:

Is the EU aware of this case?

How is the EU following it up?

How does the EU monitor the cases of human rights defenders in Colombia being prosecuted without just cause?