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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Nicaragua

In April this year, thousands of Nicaraguan citizens took to the streets to peacefully protest against reforms to the Nicaraguan Social Security Institute proposed by decree by President Daniel Ortega. In light of the climate of repression which has taken hold of the country since then, as a result of both the violence used against students and other citizens participating in the protests in order to suppress them and of the hundreds of resulting deaths and displacements to neighbouring countries which have occurred against this backdrop, I would like to know:

- 1) What measures has the EU taken in its role as mediator to secure a peaceful and democratic solution in the country as part of a process of national dialogue?
- 2) What measures has the EU taken to support human rights organisations?
- 3) Is the EU planning to increase funding for humanitarian aid programmes?