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Subject: VP/HR - Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on Mexico by the Human Rights Council (HRC)

The European Union should always promote human rights and democracy as an ultimate goal. In 2017, 12 journalists were assassinated in Mexico. It is estimated that, in Mexico, there are currently more than 30 000 missing persons. Furthermore, the pronounced gender component should not be overlooked: in 2017, approximately 1 000 women were assassinated.

In November, Mexico will be examined under the UPR mechanism of the HRC of the United Nations, in order to monitor observance of human rights.

As an observer in the HRC, and as a supranational body to which various Member States of the HRC belong, the EU can play a key role in Mexico's UPR.

- 1) What role will the EU play in the next United Nations UPR on Mexico?
- 2) What measures will the EU take to cooperate and guarantee that the recommendations issued by the HRC to Mexico are implemented?
- 3) Against the backdrop of modernisation in its Global Agreement with Mexico, how will the EU strengthen support for promoting human rights in Mexico?