

**Question for written answer P-003003/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Deadly violence in Nicaragua

Since 18 April 2018, when riots against social security reforms erupted in Nicaragua, the ensuing crackdown on protestors has led to several serious human rights violations, including extrajudicial killings and the use of lethal force to quash anti-government rallies. At least 84 people have died as a result of violence and repression perpetrated by the security forces and the Sandinista mobs paramilitary groups. On May 31, deeply disturbing news emerged of the killing of at least 15 people on Nicaragua's Mother's Day after security forces opened fire. They had been marching to pay homage to the mothers of students killed during previous protests.

In view of this terrible development, what measures will the EU take to push for an end to the deadly violence unleashed by the National Police and armed militants against unarmed civilians?