

**Question for written answer P-000310/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Modernisation of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement

Negotiations on the modernisation of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement are in the final stages. After an 'agreement in principle' was reached in April 2018, the remaining institutional and final provisions are now being discussed.

The Global Agreement should be an efficient instrument that is based on the founding principles of the European Union and enables real accountability on respect on human rights.

The critical human rights situation in Mexico requires binding clauses on human rights and democracy, a mainstreamed human rights approach within the Global Agreement and the involvement of civil society in the monitoring of the latter.

1. Will human rights commitments be included in standardised clauses on human rights and democracy, or will they be mainstreamed into the three parts of the Global Agreement?
2. How does the Global Agreement explicitly address the current urgent human rights situation in Mexico and what follow-up mechanisms are envisaged in order to ensure accountability?
3. What civil society participation is envisaged for future EU-Mexico relations, and how will this complement existing frameworks such as the EU-Mexico human rights dialogue and civil society seminar?