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On 10 February 2009, the UN's Human Rights Council will examine in its Universal Periodic Review whether Mexico has honoured its human rights commitments. The State examined is required to implement recommendations from the final report drawn up by the UNHRC's working group. The parallel report drawn up by Mexican civil society for the UPR shows that the human rights situation in the country is critical. The national network for human rights organisations, 'Todos los derechos para todos', for instance, has revealed that 60 cases of criminalisation of social movements were recorded during 2007. Mexican civil society has endeavoured in various ways to extend the points of contact between civil society, the EU and the Mexican Government, inter alia through the Brussels-based network CIFCA/CAMEX.

What steps can the Commission take to ensure that the recommendations made in the Human Rights Council's final report are implemented in respect of the association agreement? What action will the Commission take to ensure that Mexican civil society's insistence on scope for dialogue is satisfied and that their view of human rights is taken into account in further negotiations, in accordance with the EU's guidelines on human rights defenders?