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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Human rights violations on the border between Venezuela and Colombia

In the past few weeks the Venezuelan security forces, acting in the name of their government, have committed numerous human rights violations near Venezuela's border with Colombia during an operation to combat paramilitary organisations, drug trafficking and smuggling.

During this operation, at least 1000 people have been deported to Colombia with no opportunity to challenge their expulsion or collect their belongings. Complaints have also been received of mistreatment during detention, forced evictions and the demolition of homes, as well as the separation of families, which has led to cases of children being abandoned in Venezuela.

1. What diplomatic action has HR/VP Federica Mogherini taken, or is she planning to take, in response to this new flagrant violation of human rights by the Government of Venezuela?
2. Has the HR/VP contacted the executive branch of the Venezuelan and Colombian governments so as to help find a peaceful solution to a problem which, if aggravated, could lead a conflict on a regional scale?