Question for written answer E-007785/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Molly Scott Cato (Verts/ALE)

Subject: River Atrato case, Colombia

Through the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR/2015/371-514), the EU supports the indigenous and afrodescendant communities in the river basin of the High Atrato, and the reestablishment of their territorial rights as victims of the armed conflict. For its part meanwhile, the EU-Colombia Free Trade Agreement (FTA) involves a commitment to monitor its impact on the environment and human rights.

Sentence T622 of the Colombian Constitutional Court, issued in 2016, recognises that there have been serious violations of the right of these communities to life, health, water, a healthy environment, culture and territory, chargeable to the Colombian State and worsened by illegal mining. The Court orders have barely been implemented by the Colombian Government.

Taking into account the financial support of the EU and the FTA chapter on sustainable development:

How is the EU Delegation in Colombia monitoring and following up on the implementation of Sentence T622/16?

Does the EU, as a preventive measure, provide information about this sentence to companies that want to invest in this region directly or indirectly?

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