

**Question for written answer E-004014/2018  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Killing of social leaders and human rights defenders in Colombia

According to the Colombian Ombudsman, between 1 January 2016 and 27 February 2018 282 human rights defenders, social leaders and opposition figures were killed in Colombia. Between 11 March and 7 July 2018, 50 more persons with similar profiles were killed, with a telling increase at the beginning of July.

The EU supports financially the implementation of point 3.4.4 of the Peace Agreement, including the creation of a 'special investigation unit for the dismantling of criminal organisations and actions responsible for killings and massacres'.

1. How is the VP/HR evaluating the use of the financial resources and technical assistance targeted on that special unit, attached to the Colombian National Prosecutor's office (Fiscalía), regarding the application of justice and the protection and safeguarding of the right to life of the social leaders and members of social movements and opposition parties, including persons involved in the application of the Peace Agreement?
2. What undertakings has the VP/HR made regarding developments following Colombia's accession to the OECD, obliging it to implement all OECD guidelines and juridical standards?
3. What is the VP/HR's assessment of the implementation of the roadmap obligations under the EU-Colombia free trade agreement (FTA), prior to the joint TPC meeting in November 2018?