Question for written answer E-005548/2018 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Julie Ward (S&D)

Subject: VP/HR - Transitional justice and impunity in Colombia

Through bilateral cooperation and the EU Trust Fund for Colombia, the European Union is politically and financially supporting the full implementation of the Peace Agreement between the Colombian Government and the Farc-Ep. The Peace Agreement includes the mechanisms of the transitional justice system, which set out to guarantee the right to truth, justice, reparation and non-repetition to the victims of the human rights violations committed during the armed conflict in Colombia.

Since August 2018, two draft laws have been presented to the Colombian Congress. One seeks to create a separate procedure for members of the military in the Special Jurisdiction for Peace. The other sets out to place limits on the access to information concerning military operations available to the mechanisms of the transitional justice system. The draft laws could make it more likely that human rights violations committed by state agents go unpunished. Against this background, we ask Ms Mogherini:

- 1. How is the EU monitoring the laws adopted to implement the Peace Agreement, so as to ensure that they do not jeopardise the rights of victims in the transitional justice system?
- 2. How is the EU following the cases of extrajudicial killings which are currently before the Special Jurisdiction for Peace?

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