

**Question for written answer E-002025/2020**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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**Subject:** The EU's role in the fight against corruption in Honduras

According to the Consejo Nacional Anticorrupción (Hondura's independent National Anti-Corruption Council) and the Foro Social de Deuda Externa y Desarrollo de Honduras (Honduran Social Forum on Foreign Debt and Development), Honduras loses 65 million lempiras to corruption each year. In January 2020, the Government of Honduras did not renew the mandate of the OAS Mission to Support the Fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras (MACCIH) to address the endemic problem of corruption and fight impunity. The mission receives financial resources and support from the European Union. On 23 January 2020, the Honduran Public Prosecutor's Office created the Unidad Fiscal Especializada Contra la Corrupción (UFERCO – Specialised Fiscal Unit Against Corruption) to take on the various ongoing cases. The Public Prosecutor's Office is staffed by MACCIH, but has very few powers. In view of these facts:

Through which Honduran institutions and until when will the Commission finance measures to strengthen the fight against corruption and impunity in Honduras, and what is the total cost? Furthermore, has the Commission taken specific measures to ensure accountability for these funds?

Specifically, how will the resources that the European Union had planned to support the MACCIH with be redistributed, if not in support of UFERCO's mandate?