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

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Subject: Juana Perea's murder in Colombia and the situation for activists and social leaders and environmentalists

A few weeks ago, the body of the Spanish-Colombian activist Juana María Perea Plata was found in Chocó, with three bullet wounds to the head. Initial reports indicate that six men abducted and killed her.

Juana Perea had been working on tourism and environmental protection issues in the region. Her murder brings the total number of activists and social leaders killed in Colombia to 247.

We are extremely concerned about the systematic harassment, intimidation and murder of human rights defenders, social leaders, environmentalists and defenders of indigenous and rural communities, not only in Colombia, but in the whole of Latin America.

What steps is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative taking to strengthen our cooperation with the region in order to protect defenders of human rights and the environment?