

**Question for written answer E-006386/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Banana companies, military force and drug trafficking in the Urabá region of Columbia

In March 2020, the High Court of Antioquia ordered banana companies in Urabá to return 50 hectares of land that had been unlawfully taken from small farmers. The court asked the Public Prosecutor's Office to investigate Bananeras Urabá, Banacol and Uniban for their alleged responsibility in voluntarily financing paramilitary groups responsible for murders and forced displacement.

It was announced in June that the Public Prosecutor's Office would investigate Bananeras Urabá for abandoning banana crops, without fumigating or fertilising them. Those now farming these crops are faced with phytosanitary risk. Moreover, FloCERT withdrew the 'fair trade' certificate from Bananeras Urabá, 80% of whose production reaches European markets.

Similarly, a military counter-intelligence operation has reported the existence of a clandestine airstrip between Salaquí and Cacarica (Urabá - Bajo Atrato), from which aircraft carrying cocaine allegedly depart and where military forces and the organised armed group Autodefensa Gaitanista de Colombia operate.

1. Will the Commission consider reviewing the Framework Agreement for Colombia's participation in EU crisis management operations, signed in February 2020?
2. What measures will the Commission take with regard to bananas produced by the companies Bananeras Urabá, Banacol and Uniban?