

**Question for written answer E-000567/2021**

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

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Subject: Status of the peace process in Colombia and the EU's role

An upsurge in violence in recent months, endangering the future of the peace process in Colombia, has been reported by organisations campaigning for full compliance with Colombia's peace agreements, the upholding of fundamental rights and the right to protest and supporting the work of social leaders and human rights activists. The assessment report on European efforts to support peace in Colombia published in 2019 outlined some tools that could improve the effectiveness of this effort. It specifically cited more forceful bilateral diplomatic efforts to urge the Colombian Government to do more to prosecute criminal conduct and enforce the peace agreements. It also suggested using the trade agreement's human rights clause to that end. It further called for continued technical and financial support for the process, with special emphasis on comprehensive rural reform.

1. Will the Vice-President/High Representative bring these tools to bear at this juncture?
2. Are there any plans for a public statement by the Vice-President/High Representative and the Special Envoy for Peace in Colombia in support of the peace process?