

Question for written answer E-002425/2021

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

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Subject: Protests in Colombia

Colombia's serious human rights crisis is compounded by the brutal repression of protests against Iván Duque's tax reform, which, in the context of national unemployment, has taken over the country's main cities and municipalities since 28 April. According to official data, the illegal use of violence by the police and the army has resulted in at least 19 deaths and 800 injured. Several NGOs have denounced killings by the police, arbitrary arrests and other human rights violations, including cases of sexual violence.

1. What actions has the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy taken so far and what action does it intend to take in support of the right to protest in the country?
2. Will it ask for an independent investigation into the facts, putting an end to impunity for crimes committed?
3. What is the position of the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the flagrant breach of the Peace Agreement in Colombia and how will it ensure that European funding contributes to the fulfilment of its key components?