

Question for written answer E-002841/2021

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

Rule 138

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Subject: The Colombian Government's rejection of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights mission to investigate abuses committed during the protests

One month after the start of nationwide protests in Colombia, the Government of Iván Duque has rejected a mission of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR) and the Organisation of American States (OAS) to investigate and substantiate serious human rights violations that have occurred in the context of the protests. Bearing in mind the importance of such missions with a view to assessing the human rights situation in the country concerned, encouraging the investigation of crimes, and making recommendations to the State to prevent such crimes from occurring:

1. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy plan any measures to encourage the Colombian Government to guarantee the IACHR access to the country as soon as possible?
2. Does the EU intend to send a special mission to assist in the international observation tasks?
3. What other measures are being or will be taken to ensure compliance with international human rights commitments in the framework of bilateral relations between Colombia and the EU?