

**Question for written answer E-002986/2021**

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

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Subject: Sending a team of observers to monitor the next presidential elections in Colombia

On 26 May 2015, the Colombian National Civil Registry and National Electoral Council asked the Patricia Llobart Cussac, Head of Delegation/EU Ambassador to Colombia, to authorise the sending of a full team of observers to monitor the presidential elections to be held in May 2022. Given the importance of international monitoring and EU observers for elections in a country currently afflicted by a serious social and demographic crisis:

1. What is the position of the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy concerning the request from the Colombian institutions?
2. Will the EU immediately send an exploratory delegation to Colombia, followed by a full team of observers to monitor the presidential elections there?