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

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Subject: Environmental activists murdered in Latin America

Each year in Latin America, dozens of environmental activists and human rights defenders are threatened and even murdered by criminal organisations and paramilitary groups with interests in certain environmentally harmful practices. These include mining, building power stations and growing crops for livestock.

One of the most recent cases was that of environmental activist Breiner David Cucuñame. Cucuñame was only 14 years old when he was shot dead in late January this year in Cauca, Colombia.<sup>1</sup>

With that in mind:

1. In his dialogue with the countries concerned, what is the High Representative doing to call for environmental activists and human rights defenders to be protected?
2. What action has the High Representative taken to demand truth, justice and compensation for the victims of these crimes?
3. Has the High Representative conducted any investigations to expose potential links and interests European companies may have in relation to the deaths of environmental activists in Latin America, such as that of Samir Flores?<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.20minutos.es/noticia/4942746/0/muere-a-tiros-un-joven-activista-ambiental-de-14-anos-en-un-ataque-a-la-guardia-indigena-en-colombia/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://desinformemonos.org/organizaciones-internacionales-responsabilizan-a-empresas-europeas-del-pim-por-el-asesinato-de-samir-flores/>