Priority question for written answer P-002278/2020 to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: The EU's response to COVID-19 in Latin America

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) are close and important partners for the EU. The COVID-19 pandemic poses new geopolitical and geostrategic challenges for countries and regions in the EU and LAC, as well as for the rule of law, democratic institutions and common values in both regions. A strategic and internationally coordinated response is needed to tackle these challenges from a multilateral perspective. The EU must therefore support LAC countries politically, but also through financial and health aid, as well as by sharing experiences and best practice.

What is the foreseeable impact of the coronavirus pandemic on EU-LAC relations from a political and geopolitical perspective, including in terms of the respect of the rule of law and human rights?