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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
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Subject: Death of UN field officer Mario Paciolla in Colombia

We have recently learnt from the press of the tragic death of Mario Paciolla, the young Italian citizen who was found dead on 15 July 2020 in his home in San Vicente di Caguán. Mario Paciolla was in Colombia as a field officer with the second United Nations Verification Mission in the Caquetá Department and was engaged in an internal peace project between the local government and the FARC.

After initially treating his death as suicide, the local district attorney's office has begun a murder investigation. The information obtained so far has been confirmed by the Italian Government, which has also announced that it has been in contact with the team responsible for the United Nations mission.

1. Is the VP/HR aware of this serious case and its development?
2. Will he raise this case with the Colombian authorities as a matter of urgency and will he call for the necessary investigations at all levels to establish the truth behind this unexpected death?