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A joint event was organised recently with the Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights, which focused on the extremely serious situation facing human rights defenders in Mexico. Eyewitness accounts confirm that human rights are being systematically violated without any action by the Mexican Government to stop this.

Meanwhile, work on updating the Global Agreement on free trade signed by the EU and Mexico in 2000 is currently at the negotiation stage. Human rights are referred to in the Global Agreement as an indispensable principle that states entering into bilateral relations must uphold and an essential condition, therefore, of such relations. At the EU-Latin American Summit in Brussels in June this year, the Mexican President, Peña Nieto, promised Mr Tusk and Mr Juncker that he would make human rights a priority for his government. But Mexican society is still being terrorised by forced disappearances, murders and impunity.

What mechanisms does the Commission use to monitor efficiently the human rights situation in Mexico? If agreements of this kind are conditional upon human rights being upheld, does the Commission believe the EU can continue with these negotiations?