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to the Commission**
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Subject: Peace and guarantees to defend human rights in Colombia

Creating the conditions or an environment conducive to defending human rights in the country would constitute a guarantee that the violence would not be repeated in Colombia.

Instead of gaining recognition for the valuable contributions made by social campaigners and leaders, between January 2010 and December 2014, 1 762 human rights leaders and campaigners were the victims of personal attacks, such as threats, murders, assaults, arbitrary detention, arbitrary use of the penal system, theft of information, disappearance, sexual violence and personal injuries (174 in 2010, 239 in 2011, 357 in 2012, 366 in 2013 and 626 in 2014). In the first half of 2015 alone, there were 399 attacks and 34 human rights campaigners were murdered, despite the fact that Colombia has the largest and most costly protection programme in the world.

Therefore, the situation regarding guarantees for campaigners and leaders appears to be worsening in Colombia. How is the EU discussing these issues in its human rights dialogue with Colombia?

What commitments has the Colombian Government made and what monitoring will the EU be carrying out?

Is the EU not considering the possibility of using the democratic clause in the Trade Agreement?