

**Question for written answer E-003828/2025/rev.1
to the Council**
Rule 144
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Subject: Situation in Nicaragua

Nicaragua is undergoing a severe political and humanitarian crisis, with the dictatorship waging widespread crackdowns against the opposition, civil society and independent media outlets. In August 2025, 73 people were reported to be imprisoned as political prisoners, 33 of whom had been forcibly disappeared and are still missing in very worrying circumstances. State detention is characterised by systematic torture, a lack of medical care and multiple deaths.

José Alejandro Hurtado Díaz, Julio Antonio Quintana Carvajal and Carlos Brenes Sánchez are missing in Nicaragua. They have family members who are EU citizens or residents of Germany and Finland. Victims' families face major legal and practical obstacles in their efforts to obtain information and justice for their loved ones.

1. Is the Council planning to extend and expand the current sanctions against the individuals and entities responsible for human rights violations in Nicaragua beyond 15 October 2025?
2. Is the Council aware that family members of three missing persons in Nicaragua are either EU citizens or live in the EU, and what diplomatic efforts have been made to support those families and demand proof of life?
3. What specific steps does the Council plan to take to ensure that those responsible for these crimes are held accountable?

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