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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
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The EU Delegation to Colombia closely follows the situation in Jericó, including through the project ‘The Right to Defend Rights’, under which one of its implementing partners, the *Corporación Jurídica Libertad*, has provided legal defence to the farmers facing criminal proceedings and conducted advisory and support visits to the affected community. As part of the project, a podcast episode is also being prepared to raise awareness of the situation in Jericó.

Officials of the European External Action Service also met with the Coordinator of the *Mesa Ambiental de Jericó* in June 2026, during his visit to Brussels to participate in a meeting of the European Parliament delegation for relations with the countries of the Andean Community, entitled ‘Voices of Human Rights Defenders in Andean Communities – Technical perspective, international framework and testimonies’.

The EU, including its Delegation in Bogotá, will continue to maintain regular dialogue with civil society organisations and implementing partners of EU-funded initiatives to stay informed about developments on the ground.