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**Question for written answer E-003036/26**  
**to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**  
**Catarina Vieira (Verts/ALE)**  
*(17 July 2026)*

*Subject:* Procedural urgency in Case No 14.724 (deadline 16 August 2026)

In Case No 14.724, concerning the 1981 enforced disappearance of two civilians by Salvadoran State forces, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) granted El Salvador a final extension, expiring on 16 August 2026, to comply with Merits Report No 262/23. Should El Salvador remain non-compliant, the case may be referred to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as the petitioners have formally requested, having also submitted a full reparation proposal. El Salvador has used successive extensions to delay rather than cooperate in good faith, a pattern relevant to the EU's broader engagement on human rights and the rule of law in Central America.

1. Is the European External Action Service following the imminent 16 August 2026 deadline in Case No 14.724?
2. Will the EU convey to the Salvadoran authorities the importance of complying in good faith with the IACHR's recommendations before that date?
3. Will the EU support the referral of Case No 14.724 to the IACHR by diplomatic means should El Salvador fail to comply?

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission**  
*(18 September 2026)*

The European External Action Service closely follows the human rights and rule of law situation in El Salvador, including issues of transitional justice and accountability for serious human rights violations committed during the armed conflict.

The EU regularly recalls, in its contacts with the Salvadoran authorities, the importance of cooperating fully with international and regional human rights mechanisms and of giving appropriate follow-up to their recommendations.

The EU will continue to raise human rights, the rule of law and accountability in its dialogue with El Salvador. The EU does not comment publicly on confidential exchanges concerning individual cases.

The decision whether to refer a case to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights falls within the independent mandate of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, in accordance with the American Convention on Human Rights and the Inter-American Commission's Rules of Procedure <sup>(1)</sup>.

The EU fully respects the independence of the Inter-American human rights system and supports effective cooperation by States with its institutions.

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<sup>(1)</sup> <https://www.oas.org/en/IACHR/mandate/Basics/rulesiachr2013.asp>.