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**Declaration by the Presidency, on behalf of the European Union,
following the killing of Ms Digna Ochoa y Plácido**

The European Union strongly condemns the killing of Ms Digna Ochoa y Plácido, a leading human rights campaigner in Mexico. The threats made against her two years ago have, sadly, now been carried out.

The European Union is convinced that the Mexican Government will continue its efforts to uphold and safeguard human rights and to protect the physical integrity of human rights campaigners.

The European Union hopes that the killing will be rapidly investigated and the culprits identified and brought to justice.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this declaration.

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