Question for written answer E-005751/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Clare Moody (S&D)

Subject: Harassment of the Guarani Indian people in Brazil

The Guarani are a group of culturally related indigenous peoples of South America. Recently there have been extremely worrying reports of harassment of members of the group in Brazil, where they are being forced off their land in order to make way for ranching and the cultivation of sugar beet and soya. In addition to the violence and disregard for the welfare and rights of these indigenous people, there is also huge concern that the deforestation of the Amazon rainforest will have a worrying effect on climate change.

What pressure is being put on the Brazilian Government to end the actions of the ranchers and to both protect the rights of the Guarani and prevent the destruction of virgin rainforest?

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