

**Question for written answer E-002978/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Nahua indigenous tribe at risk of mercury poisoning

Up to 80 percent of the Nahua indigenous tribe living in the Peruvian Amazon is at risk of mercury poisoning. NGO Survival International reported that mercury poisoning has already caused the death of one child.

In recent times, members of the tribe, who live in voluntary isolation, have come into contact with non-natives and have begun to suffer from serious health problems, including respiratory infections, anaemia and acute renal failure.

Is the VP/HR concerned about the health conditions of the Nahua indigenous tribe?

Does the VP/HR intend to hold talks with the Government of Peru in order to investigate the causes and provide medical assistance to the tribe?