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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Political instability in Brazil

On 17 April, the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies approved a request to impeach President Dilma Rousseff. Since then the Senate (where the opposition have a majority) has been examining the case. On 19 April, Rousseff said she had done nothing wrong and complained that the proceedings against her were part of an opposition plot. 'There is no evidence against me; no evidence that I have done anything illegal,' she said.

Brazil is going through the most serious political crisis in its recent history. An attempt is being made to bring down a government that was democratically elected by the Brazilian people with more than 54 million votes. Some 367 opposition deputies, with the support of the business, financial and media sectors, are riding roughshod over the popular will.

Given that this process risks shattering Brazil's constitutional and democratic order:

Is the EU monitoring this crisis threatening democracy in Brazil?

What action will the VP/HR take to urge the Brazilian Government to ensure that procedures and investigations are conducted transparently so as to maintain peace and safeguard the constitutional order?