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Subject: Situation of the Guaraní-Kaiowá people

The expulsion of the Guaraní-Kaiowá people from their ancestral lands is still ongoing. Large multinational corporations want sole use of the land and are blocking the situation. The Brazilian Government is failing to put the welfare of its citizens before economic interests.

The European Union is currently in the process of negotiating the free trade agreement (FTA) between the European Union and Mercosur. Meanwhile, indigenous communities still have to cope with increasing violence, worsening living conditions and the systematic violation of their right to food.

The number of unsolved murders, the growing suicide rate and the violent attacks on this community continue to rise, despite the written question tabled with the Commission on 16 September 2015. One year has passed since Francisco Assis, MEP and a member of the S&D Group, received an answer from the Commission, but the situation on the ground has not improved in the slightest.

In regard to the FTA negotiations, will the European Union demand once and for all respect for human rights, pursuant to Articles 1 and 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and protection for the Guaraní-Kaiowá people?

One year on and knowing that the situation has grown worse, what will the EU do to shoulder its responsibility in this respect?