

**Question for written answer E-009275/2016  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Amazon forest

Between August 2015 and July 2016, according to the Brazilian Space Research Institute, nearly eight thousand square kilometres of forest have been destroyed in Brazil, by loggers, farmers and ranchers. The rate of deforestation peaked in 2008 and has in the last year increased by almost 30 percent.

Does the VP/HR intend to start talks with the government of Brazil on how to stop this extremely worrying trend?