

**Question for written answer E-004900/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU action in respect of monitoring a coal exporting company alleged to be involved in human rights violations in a non-EU country

The mining company Cerrejón operating in the department of La Guajira (Colombia) exported 32 million tonnes of coal in 2016, mainly to the EU. In 2016, the EU imported 114 million tonnes of steam coal from Colombia. How many of these tonnes of coal originated from Cerrejón, which is one of the country's largest coal producers, is not known as no figures are available.

The EU Ambassador to Colombia visited La Guajira in October 2013 where she received a report from the Wayuu women's organisation 'Fuerza Mujeres Wayuu' on the damage caused by mining. The Wayuu indigenous communities have been affected by the diversion of rivers, by air and water pollution in this desert region, and by corruption, high infant mortality and precarious working conditions.

Bearing in mind the European Parliament resolution of 25 October 2016 on corporate liability for serious human rights abuses in third countries (2015/2315(INI):

1. What action has the Commission taken in response to these complaints?
2. What is being done to investigate and monitor the situation regarding the alleged damage and Cerrejón's activities?
3. What information does the Commission have on recipients of Cerrejón's coal on the EU market?