

**Question for written answer E-006465/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Water contamination threatening the health of indigenous people in Peru

Recent investigations have found that the health of indigenous communities in Cuninico and Espinar in Peru is being endangered by toxic metals contaminating their only sources of fresh water. Moreover, the hundreds of indigenous people exposed to such threats do not have access to adequate health care. Despite evidence confirming contamination with toxic metals, the Peruvian authorities did not take the appropriate action to address it and ensure that adequate healthcare was provided for the communities involved.

In view of the above, does the VP/HR envisage holding talks with the Peruvian authorities to address the causes of the contamination and ensure that the communities of Cuninico and Espinar have access to clean water?