

**Question for written answer E-006811/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Human rights and environmental sustainability - ACS / Cobra project on the river Cahabón (Guatemala)

The river Cahabón has an average flow of 164.2 m³ / s and supplies water for agriculture, domestic use and generally the survival of hundreds of thousands of people along its entire course, most of whom are indigenous Q'eqchi' Maya.

As part of the project, the ACS / Cobra construction company has channelled 30 km (80%) of the river Cahabón, which has had a direct adverse impact on the dignity and human rights of thousands of people.

Guatemala is a party to the Association Agreement between the European Union and Central America, which contains clear clauses regarding respect for the environment and human rights. In addition, ILO Convention 169, which requires the affected indigenous communities to be consulted, has constitutional status in Guatemala.

1. Will the European Union investigate whether the behaviour of the aforementioned company is in accordance with the clauses of the Association Agreement and with the Guatemalan Constitution?
2. What measures will the EU take to enforce the clauses and principles relating to human rights and sustainability in the Association Agreement in this particular case?