

**Question for written answer E-001215/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Law allowing roads to be built in the Amazon rainforest in Peru

The Government of Peru recently approved a law that would allow roads to be built in the remote region of Ucayali, on the border between Peru and Brazil, in an area of the Amazon rainforest that has the highest concentration of uncontacted indigenous communities. The new roads will have a potentially devastating impact on these communities and will come in addition to the countless roads that have already been unlawfully opened up by gold prospectors who operate illegally and pollute rivers with mercury. The right of these indigenous communities to their ancestral territories and their right to remain isolated are enshrined in Peruvian and international law.

Bearing in mind the intense cooperation with Peru within the framework of the Trade Agreement that has been provisionally applied since 2013 and the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement with the Andean Community, as well as the European financial aid from which the South American country benefits in a number of areas, including human rights, what action will the EU take to exert influence on those responsible in the Peruvian Government so that they reconsider the law that was recently approved and abandon plans to build these roads?