

**Question for written answer P-001599/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Francisco Assis (S&D)**

Subject: VP/HR - Murder of the activist and Rio councillor Marielle Franco

On 13 March 2018, Marielle Franco, a human rights activist and Partido Socialismo e Liberdade councillor in the city of Rio de Janeiro, was murdered in cold blood when a group of criminals opened fire on the car which she was in, killing the driver of the car too. Marielle was a proactive person and admired by many. She stood out for her denunciation of the random and often deadly violence to which the Brazilian police forces sometimes resorted in their operations in Rio's favelas. On 28 February, the councillor was named rapporteur for a truth commission intended to monitor the controversial state intervention in public security in Rio, where Marielle's political party had been increasing its electoral area and media coverage. Preliminary investigations suggest that her murder was an execution.

Given the seriousness of the above facts, how does the European Union intend to influence the Brazilian authorities to leave no stone unturned in investigating this shocking murder and to ensure that residents and the activists who fight for the human rights of those residents are safe?