

**Question for written answer E-000147/2019
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Brazil, Vila Corbélia fire

On the night of 7 December 2018 a fire that was started intentionally razed the entire district of Vila Corbélia in Curitiba industrial park in Brazil.

Although the actual perpetrators of the fire – which destroyed 300 dwellings – are yet to be identified, local residents claim that it was a form of retaliation by the military police following the killing of Erick Norio, a military police officer, in the district earlier in the day.

The suspect in that case has already been arrested and questioned by the authorities.

It has been confirmed by military police headquarters that two men who entered the favela just before the fire and fired off shots were members of the military police.

The Special Group for Combating Organised Crime (GAECO), Curitiba, has launched a criminal enquiry to establish who was responsible for the fire and the deaths that ensued.

The international organisation TETO, which operates in slums in 19 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, is still collecting money to rebuild the housing destroyed in the fire.

Before Christmas, volunteers built 21 houses, and aim to provide at least 150 in total, if donations and financing permit.

Can the VP / HR give further details on what happened and say whether the EU plans to help finance the rebuilding?