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Subject: Need for action to tackle the devastating fires in the Amazon

The great environmental disaster engulfing the Amazon forest was at the heart of the G7 Summit. The fires ravaging the lungs of the planet against a background of global warming, severe climate change and extreme weather conditions internationally require immediate action by the EU.

Addressing climate change is a declared priority of the Union.

Given that Member States, such as France, Finland and Ireland, are seeking sanctions against the far-right government of government of Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil, and Germany and Norway are suspending their financial contribution to the Amazon Fund, will the Commission say:

What financial, economic and other means will it mobilise as part of a movement of international solidarity to help the population of Brazil and neighbouring countries?

Does it intend to freeze or halt negotiations on the EU-Mercosur agreement and take concrete action against the increasing deforestation of the Amazon by the Bolsonaro government, which is acting in the name of business interests, and even going so far as to attack environmental protection organisations?

Is it considering launching an initiative to ensure that those companies obtaining profits by their actions in the Amazon are required to prove that they do not cause deforestation in producing their products and to restore the ecosystems affected by their activities?