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Subject: Repression of the Mapuche people

In southern Chile, the Mapuche communities have historically been at loggerheads with companies exploiting their ancestral lands. In fact, the Mapuches face systematic discrimination extending beyond land ownership issues to collective rights established in ILO Convention 169 and the United Nations Universal Declaration of The Rights of Indigenous Peoples, ratified by Chile.

In recent weeks the conflict has escalated, with protest actions in support of a hunger strike by thirty Mapuche prison inmates being met with a harsh clampdown by the Chilean authorities.

1. What action will the EU take to induce the Chilean authorities to adopt a less aggressive stance and try to discuss matters with the Mapuches?
2. Will the EU reiterate UN calls for an investigation into the excessive use of force by the police and other forms of discrimination against the Mapuche community?
3. Will respect for the human and collective rights of indigenous peoples be made a key issue in discussions regarding the modernisation of the EU-Chile association agreement?