

Question for written answer E-006168/2020

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Civil war in Ethiopia

The Ethiopian Government is currently refusing humanitarian access to the Tigray region, against which it has deployed a military offensive that could lead to civil war, thereby destabilising the entire region. The UN has issued a warning that this could lead to famine for millions. In the meantime, embassies are unable to evacuate their nationals.

In view of this:

1. Can the VP/HR say what pressure is being brought to bear on the Ethiopian Government to allow humanitarian aid into the conflict zone?
2. How many EU citizens are trapped in the Tigray area and is the EEAS coordinating efforts to evacuate them?
3. What initiatives is the EU taking to achieve a peaceful solution to this conflict and spare the civilian population untold suffering from war and famine?