

Question for written answer E-000351/2022

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

Rule 138

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Subject: EU commitment in the matter of Luca Attanasio's murder

On 22 February 2021, the Italian Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Luca Attanasio, military police officer Vittorio Iacovacci and driver Mustafa Milambo lost their lives during an ambush in the North Kivu province of the DRC.

Over the last year, many calls have been made to shed light on the incident, and the Italian Government has also taken action to this end. However, despite everything that has been done, those concerned have been unwilling to cooperate.

At a press conference held on 18 January 2022, the DRC police announced that they had arrested the alleged perpetrators – six people from the local rebel group Balume Bakulu – but provided no further information as to their trial, and they have still not given the Italian authorities full access to the files or allowed them to conduct an inquiry.

1. Does the VP/HR think that more needs to be done to bring about strong cooperation in uncovering the truth and the role of the UN World Food Programme and UN in what happened?
2. Will he support the Italian Government in its efforts to guarantee and facilitate maximum cooperation in the investigations, including by means of letters rogatory from Italian magistrates?