## Question for written answer E-001171/2023 to the Commission

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Subject: Worsening human rights violations against Maasai communities living in and around Loliondo in the Ngorongoro District, Tanzania

Seven months have passed since our written question to the Commission on human rights violations against the Maasai indigenous communities in the Loliondo sector of the Ngorongoro District, Tanzania, and the situation has not improved. On the contrary, more than 70 000 Maasai are at risk of eviction or have already been evicted from their land to make way for a tourism and conservation project supported by the Tanzanian Government. Maasai representatives report a 'war zone' on their territory. Moreover, in the adjacent Ngorongoro Conservation Area, many local sources indicate that the Tanzanian Government has committed further human and indigenous rights violations by deciding to gradually remove all public services (schools, healthcare, access to water, various administrations) in order to force the Maasai to leave their land. The government calls this 'voluntary resettlement'.

- 1. How does the Commission intend to condemn these violations of human and indigenous peoples' rights and to bring them to an end as soon as possible?
- 2. Is the Commission in direct contact with the Tanzanian Government?
- 3. Is exceptional humanitarian aid planned?

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