Question for written answer P-006011/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Lucy Anderson (S&D)

Subject: Fire safety and smoke toxicity of construction products

The tragic and avoidable fire in Grenfell Tower, London, on 14 June 2017 has placed fire safety in the public gaze once more. The tragedy clearly reflects the inadequate priority given to maintaining social housing, a lack of appropriate regulation and governance, poor building planning, and a failure to take fire safety seriously enough.

Such appalling events remind us that the highest possible safety standards must be followed and enforced across the EU, so that the lives of building residents, visitors and emergency services personnel are not put at risk. In addition, residents should have the right to be informed as to the composition of their buildings' materials and the accompanying degree of smoke toxicity and combustibility.

In the light of these points, could the Commission please state:

- 1. What improved testing procedures and other measures have been planned in order to help ensure fire safety in buildings all around the EU?
- 2. Will it commit to the development of a European Union Fire Safety Strategy?
- 3. Whether it will consider stronger harmonised labelling requirements for smoke toxicity and other relevant aspects of construction products under the next revision of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR)?

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