Priority question for written answer P-002987/2020
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: Brazil’s provisional legislative measure 910 – privatisation of 65 million hectares of Amazon land – and its consequences

The Brazilian Government is pushing ahead with its policy of expanding predatory economic and commercial activities in the Amazon. It is in the process of approving Provisional Measure 910, which will open up to third parties some 65 million hectares of public land in the Amazon, making it possible for agri-business and the timber industry to buy land, and for the indigenous and quilombola communities that live there to be thrown out. Previously protected Union (central government) and Institute for Colonisation and Agrarian Reform (INCRA) land is being privatised under a new regime that is doing away with all the guarantees previously set in law, which were barely subject to scrutiny as it was. In his recent response to my question E-001616/2020, on the Brazilian Government's legislative proposals, the Vice-President / High Representative (VP/HR) said that the European External Action Service and the EU Delegation in Brazil were monitoring the situation.

In the light of these serious legislative advances:

Is the VP/HR aware of this proposal and its consequences and, within the framework of the EU-Brazil High-Level Dialogue on Human Rights, has he taken or does he plan to take any action to defend the land’s indigenous peoples and current residents?