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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**Question for Question Time in committee 001/2025
under Rule 226 of the Rules of Procedure
by Ana Miranda Paz**

Subject: Impacted communities by EU's green hydrogen projects in South Africa

The EU has identified South Africa as a potential supplier for its huge projected green hydrogen import needs, pursuing it through the Global Gateway and bilateral partnerships. According to internal European Commission documents, preparations are underway for a deal on critical raw materials and green hydrogen between South Africa and the EU.

Both governments are presenting it as a win-win scenario but the communities on the ground tell a very different story, characterised by land grabbing, resource exploitation and no free prior and informed consent, with local people left bearing the brunt of negative impacts as polluting industries continue with business as usual.

As Greens/EFA rapporteur on indigenous people in the DEVE Committee, I would like to ask the Commission the following: why are the voices of the communities impacted by the projects absent from deliberations and decisions about the EU's green hydrogen projects and how does the Commission intend to integrate them?