

**Question for written answer E-001877/2019
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

Rule 130

Miguel Urbán Crespo (GUE/NGL), Xabier Benito Ziluaga (GUE/NGL), Tania González Peñas (GUE/NGL), Josep-Maria Terricabras (Verts/ALE), Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez (GUE/NGL) and António Marinho e Pinto (ALDE)

Subject: VP/HR - Murder of Dilma Ferreira of the Movement of People Affected by Dams (MAB) in Brazil

On 22 March, Ms Dilma Ferreira, a regional coordinator of the Movement of People Affected by Dams (*Movimento dos Atingidos por Barragens* – MAB) in Tucuruí, Brazil, was tortured and then murdered. Her husband and a friend were also killed.

Dilma was one of the thousands of people displaced following the construction of the Tucuruí hydroelectric power plant. Since then, families have been fighting for their rights in the face of persecution and criminalisation of their leaders.

Twelve years ago, along with 400 families from the Landless Workers' Movement (*Movimento dos Trabalhadores Sem Terra* – MST), she occupied the land where she was living and where a number of attacks have also taken place.

These killings are an extension of the threats and aggression against the leaders of social movements in Brazil.

- (1) Will the VP/HR make a public statement denouncing these killings and demanding that they be investigated?
- (2) Will the VP/HR call for security measures to be implemented for community leaders and social activists, and particularly for MAB members and people affected by dams?
- (3) In line with the EU guidelines on human rights defenders, will an EU Delegation visit the areas where the MAB works to meet with its leaders and people affected by dams, some of which are financed with European capital?