

**Question for written answer E-001880/2019  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Human rights violations in Brumadinho (Brazil)

On January 25 in Brumadinho (Brazil), a dam owned by the company Vale collapsed, killing at least 209 people, leaving 97 missing and triggering an enormous ecological and humanitarian disaster. In 2015, Vale was involved in another disaster in the same region, and has failed to take the necessary clean-up action or to properly compensate the victims.

Vale is listed on the Paris and Madrid stock exchanges and European companies count among its shareholders.

The Corrao report on corporate liability for serious human rights abuses in third countries, adopted by Parliament in October 2016, calls for Member States to be held liable for violations committed by European companies in third countries.

- (1) Does the Commission intend to make a public statement condemning these human rights violations?
- (2) Does it intend to hold Member States accountable for these human rights violations and to demand that they allow victims access to effective redress?
- (3) Does it intend to adopt clear rules obliging companies established in its territory and/or jurisdiction to respect human rights in everything they do, in every country and context in which they operate.