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to the Commission**

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Subject: Carbon credits and environmental justice

In Colombia, particularly in territories, such as the Lower Atrato, which are controlled by illegal armed actors, there has been growing concern about the social and community impacts associated with the carbon credit market. Various projects are being formalised through very long-term contracts without full guarantees of free, prior and informed consent, with a lack of education and transparency, and with intermediation that concentrates economic benefits outside the territories. These dynamics are reportedly generating internal divisions in indigenous and Afro-descendant communities, weakening territorial governance and reproducing extractive logics in contexts affected by violence and armed control.

Given the EU's role in climate action and the growing participation of private actors in carbon markets, it is pertinent to clarify how the Commission assesses and manages the risk to human rights associated with these initiatives.

1. What specific monitoring, traceability and control mechanisms are being applied by the Commission to ensure that European companies that are operating or brokering in voluntary or regulated carbon markets do not contribute directly or indirectly to land grabbing, community fragmentation or armed conflict?
2. How are these risks being integrated into the mandatory due diligence systems provided for by the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and the Global Gateway investment plan?

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