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Michèle Rivasi's last victory: **The Greens/ALE resolution condemning the abuses against the Maasai communities of Tanzania widely adopted**

This Thursday, December 14, the European Parliament voted almost unanimously (493 + / 29- / 17 0) an urgency resolution in support of the Maasai of Ngorongoro condemning the abuses of the government of Tanzania against them. This fight led for a long time by Michèle Rivasi is therefore coming to fruition today and can be included in her political will. A new stone in the long fight to defend the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.

In June 2022, the Tanzanian government violently evicted Maasai communities from their land in Loliondo, depriving 70,000 people of their vital access to grazing and basic public services. The UN estimates that more than 150,000 Maasai could be displaced without their free, prior and informed consent.

By voting this text, the European Parliament urges the Tanzanian government to immediately put an end to the ongoing forced evictions of the Maasai communities, to guarantee their safe return and uphold their right to access to justice and for effective remedies for victims. This resolution also demands that all measures by the Tanzanian government respect the rights of the Maasai to self-determination, land, free assembly and free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).

After the postponements decided by the Tanzanian government of the observation missions of MEPs, the UN and UNESCO Heritage, the European Parliament is asking the Tanzanian government that official observation visits from the UN and the EU can take place as soon as possible and call on the Tanzanian government to recognize and protect the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.

François Thiollet: **“Michèle Rivasi was supposed to go to Tanzania on the day of her death, in order to lead an independent observation mission on these human rights violations. I wanted this fight for the freedom of peoples which was so dear to her to continue. Her voice has resonated one last time in the European hemicycle through this resolution.**

This is a strong and unanimous signal from the European Parliament, which we hope will be the first stone for justice to the Maasai communities..”