

**Question for written answer E-009808/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: GSP+ for the Philippines

A debate is currently taking place on a Commission delegated act amending Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 so as to include the Philippines in the list of countries benefiting from a GSP+ incentive.

This specific incentive offers significant tariff reductions for third countries facing difficulties that have signed certain conventions on human and labour rights, environmental protection and good governance.

However, the Philippines recently received a yellow card for breaching EU rules on IUU fishing, while WTO and ILO reports have highlighted the labour and human rights abuses that are being committed there.

1. How does the Commission intend to satisfy itself that the Philippines will meet the commitments it has given to remedy its shortcomings in the field of labour and human rights and the fight against IUU fishing?
2. On what timescale?
3. What action will the Commission take in the event that the Philippines fails to meet its commitments?