

**Question for written answer E-005547/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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**Subject:** Implementation of the 'Sustainability Compact' with Bangladesh

In July 2013, following the collapse of the textile factories housed in the Rana Plaza building, which cost the lives of over 1 100 people in Bangladesh, the European Union, the United States and the ILO implemented a 'sustainability compact'. The pact aims to improve the health and safety conditions of workers in the garment industry in Bangladesh and to encourage the social responsibility of companies involved in the supply chain.

In October 2014, the deputy director of the ILO acknowledged that significant progress had been made but that a number of problems still persisted, in particular regarding the implementation of new provisions added to the Bengali labour code concerning compliance with international working practice.

As a signatory of the compact, does the Commission envisage strengthening the monitoring of the initiative and in particular the effective implementation of commitments made by the government of Bangladesh?

Does the Commission intend to extend this initiative to other textile-manufacturing countries facing the same challenges as Bangladesh?