

**Question for written answer E-007506/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Social rights in Chile

In Chile, a hunger strike that has already lasted for more than 20 days is currently being held by former political prisoners of the Pinochet dictatorship. The strikers are demanding improved pensions and compensation for the human and social rights violations they suffered.

The former prisoners are also calling for the publication of information that has remained hidden in committees of inquiry and insisting that they and their families be awarded moral, social and financial redress pursuant to Article 14 of the United Nations Convention against Torture.

The Chilean Government's abuse of former political prisoners is a violation of Article 16 of the EU–Chile Association Agreement, which stipulates that social rights must be upheld, and of the principle of respect for human rights laid down in Article 1 of the same Agreement.

In the Commission's view, is the EU–Chile Association Agreement being violated?

Is the Commission planning to ask the Chilean Government for an explanation?