

**Question for written answer E-008037/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: The harm caused by asbestos in Europe

The World Health Organisation recently published a new report on exposure to asbestos, a common problem in Europe. To date, 16 out of 53 European countries have still not banned asbestos. Most of these are countries that used to be part of the Soviet Union.

It is well known that asbestos is very harmful to human health and can cause many illnesses, including mesothelioma. Indeed, the EU has adopted particularly restrictive legislation banning the use of this product.

Should the Commission not raise the awareness of those countries with which we have bilateral agreements to the harm that asbestos can do, and offer them technical assistance?