

**Question for written answer E-009802/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Kaesong Industrial Complex and the EU-South Korea Free Trade Agreement

The Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Korea entered into force four years ago, in July 2011. It is the first of a new generation of wide-ranging and comprehensive free trade agreements, and the first agreement between the EU and an Asian country.

Although the agreement has clearly brought major economical and social, as well as political, benefits to both parties, a number of issues remain unresolved, and this is preventing the EU and South Korea from taking full advantage of the opportunities afforded by such agreements.

One of those issues is how to deal with goods produced at the Kaesong Industrial Complex, an inter-Korean industrial park located in North Korea. On 17 September 2014, the Committee on Outward Processing Zones (OPZ) on the Korean Peninsula met in Brussels to review the requirements for further economic development and discuss the establishment of criteria for OPZs. It would appear, however, that no binding decisions were made at the meeting.

What is the Commission's position on this issue?