

**Question for written answer E-013809/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Trade negotiations with countries which violate human rights

British citizen Karl Andree has been in prison for over a year in Saudi Arabia, following his arrest for being in possession of wine. He has now served his sentence, but still faces 350 lashes. The British Government has recently pulled out of a deal to modernise Saudi Arabia's prison system.

At the same time, France announced the signing of contracts worth EUR 10 billion with the country.

Will the Commission encourage Member States to take the human rights situation in non-EU countries into account when negotiating large commercial contracts in the future?