

**Question for written answer E-003840/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Human trafficking

According to the International Labour Organization, there are 21 million people in forced labour globally. Human trafficking is one of the most profitable organised criminal activities in the world. For example, in EU's Eastern Neighbourhood countries, sexual exploitation is the main cause of the reported cases of trafficked persons. There is a need to combat forced labour in EU industries abroad.

Does the Commission have any plans to make labour standards a precondition for European companies operating in third countries?