

**Question for written answer E-005044/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Child labour in Indonesia tobacco fields

In tobacco fields in Indonesia, child workers are being exposed to serious health and safety risks. The dangers include acute nicotine poisoning from contact with tobacco plants and leaves, and exposure to toxic pesticides and other chemicals.

Inadequate regulations and poor enforcement of the law, particularly in the small-scale farming sector, leave children at risk. Companies should improve their human rights due diligence procedures to identify and end hazardous child labour on tobacco farms.

Does the VP/HR intend to hold talks with the Indonesian authorities in order prohibit children from performing any tasks that involve direct contact with tobacco?