

**Question for written answer E-008796/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Paraguay

Some 47 000 Paraguayan children and teenagers serve as domestic labour in the homes of 'adoptive' families, who provide them with food and lodging and pay for their schooling in return for their services. The practice is known as 'criadazgo'.

The recent death of a 14-year-old girl, following a beating she received from her 'guardian', has rekindled the debate over this hidden custom, considered to be one of the worst forms of child labour by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

Is the VP/HR going to raise this issue with the Government of Paraguay, in order to call on it to act swiftly in the investigation of the case in question, and to put an end to this practice, which clearly undermines children's full development?