

**Question for written answer E-000800/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Improved market access for Sri Lanka under GSP+

On 11 January 2017 the Commission proposed that Sri Lanka should be granted enhanced market access under the GSP+ scheme. There are, however, many examples of failures to comply with ILO conventions in the country.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. Does the Commission take the view that Sri Lanka qualifies for the GSP+ scheme when there continue to be extensive failures to uphold core labour rights?
2. How is the Commission going to ensure that the necessary ratification and implementation of ILO conventions takes place in order for Sri Lanka to qualify for GSP+ status?