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to the Commission**

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Subject: Human rights abuses

It is estimated that around 40 million people around the world work in gold and diamond mining, especially in artisanal and small-scale mines. An important source of livelihood for these populations, mining has also been implicated in human rights abuses, including labour rights and conflict-related abuses against civilians and violations of the right to environmental health among other breaches. It seems that even hazardous child labour continues to persist, with children being exposed to extreme danger.

Even though the EU has passed a Minerals Regulation to stop mine workers from being abused that will enter into force from 2021, how does the Commission intend to push for change to improve the protection of human rights, starting with mining and proceeding throughout the entire supply chain, in the intervening period?