

ORAL QUESTION H-0248/08
for Question Time at the part-session in April 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Renewal of the regulation on GSP+ status for beneficiary countries

When does the Council expect to take the decision on the renewal of Regulation (EC) No 980/2005¹ on GSP+ trade concessions, and which timetable and mechanisms will the Council use in assessing whether beneficiary countries actually ratify and implement the human and labour rights conventions necessary in order to receive the trade preferences?

What consultation has been or will be undertaken with the European Commission and the European Parliament on this question, and when? What evidence will the Council use in evaluating the impact of the trade preference on trade when considering its decision, and will the Council request further research on the issue in the interim period?

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¹ OJ L 169, 30.6.2005, p. 1.