

**Question for written answer P-006480/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: New EU rules on traceability and transparency in the textiles and clothing sector

Two years after the collapse of the Rana Plaza in Bangladesh, which caused the deaths of 1100 workers, Parliament continues to call on governments and multinationals to improve their regulatory frameworks concerning the traceability and transparency of clothes labelling. So far, the results have not been satisfactory.

Can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What measures does it intend to take with a view to holding further talks with companies, multinationals, brands and retailers on responsible business conduct, to ensure that human and labour rights are being fully respected, in keeping with the principles of the United Nations and with OECD guidelines?
2. Is it not a matter of urgency to promote new EU legislation to establish a legal due diligence requirement for companies with regard to human rights, replacing the current system of voluntary corporate responsibility for those companies which intend to operate on the EU market and which outsource their production to non-member countries, also with the aim of guaranteeing the traceability and transparency of textiles and garments?
3. Can it provide the results of the recent EU initiative on the responsible management of the supply chain in the garment sector, saying which companies and multinationals did not wish to sign the agreement?