

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0957/05

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Subject: Proposal for a Council regulation on applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences

Annex I of the revised proposal for a Council Regulation on applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences does not include the following countries in its provisional list of beneficiaries of the special incentives scheme:

- Bolivia
- Colombia
- Georgia
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Moldova
- El Salvador
- Venezuela
- Pakistan.

Given that these countries were beneficiaries of previous schemes of incentives:

1. What plans does the Commission have to include these countries in the new GSP+?
2. When does it believe that they will be in a position to benefit from the new advantages?
3. What transitional initiatives does it plan so as to avoid a complete break in the tariff advantages which these countries have hitherto enjoyed?