

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1555/05
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to the Commission

Subject: Lifting quotas on imports of textile and clothing products from China

In connection with the lifting of quotas on textile and clothing products from China on 1 January 2005 and the threat of a sudden increase in unemployment in this sector, could the Commission clarify what stage has been reached in:

1. monitoring imports of textile and clothing products originating from China,
2. putting into effect the High Level Group's recommendations on the implementation of clear procedures and criteria for the assessment of proposals to introduce protection pursuant to the special protection clause which is included in China's Protocol of Accession of to the WTO, and
3. the time scale for publishing these procedures?

Given the growing threat to the textile and clothing industry in Poland and other Member States, protection mechanisms need to be implemented as quickly as possible. Could the Commission clarify its position on this matter?