

WRITTEN QUESTION E-5416/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Lifting quotas for Chinese textiles as from 2008

On what grounds, and on what economic basis, did the Commission decide not to maintain the quotas for imports of Chinese textiles into the European Union, which are due to expire in January 2008?

How can the Commission justify ending this system of imposing restrictions on ten textile and clothing products, which was introduced to protect the European textile industry from a flood of cheap products made in China and thus save thousands of jobs in the sector in Europe?