

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6208/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Corruption accusations against the Chinese company NucTech

The media reported that a corruption case had been started in Namibia against the Chinese company NucTech Company Ltd ('Allgemeine Zeitung Windhoek', 13.7.2009 and the 'New York Times', 22.7.2009). A separate media report stated that in March 2009 the Commission had launched an investigation into suspected anti-competitive practices under a contract between NucTech and HM Revenue & Customs, signed in 2006 ('The Telegraph', 19.7.2009). Furthermore, media reports point to the involvement of the Communist Party of China in the business activities of NucTech. The grounds for this supposition are that Hu Haifeng, son of Chinese President Hu Jintao, was Chief Executive of NucTech until suspicions of corruption emerged.

1. What were the findings of the Commission's investigations into NucTech?
2. What contribution is being made by Chinese government bodies to clear up the accusations of corruption against NucTech?
3. Are Namibia's Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) and the European Commission in contact so as to deal with the two cases?
4. Does the Commission agree that rules on ongoing proceedings must not prevent information on companies which practice dumping in Europe and demand extortionate payments in Namibia (so that they can finance their dumping in Europe) from being passed on to other governments which have been harmed?