

**Question for written answer E-010713/2011
to the Commission**

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Subject: Child labour in Turkey

In Question P-009177/2010 on child labour in Turkey, the Commission was asked to specify what pressure it is bringing to bear on the Turkish Government to eradicate child labour, which is used with particular frequency for hazelnut cultivation. In its answer, the Commission stated that it would pursue the dialogue on the prevalence of child labour during the meetings with the Turkish Government under the EU-Turkey Association Agreement.

Has the Commission in fact pursued the dialogue on child labour with the Turkish Government?

If so, what has been the result of this dialogue?

Has the Turkish Government taken steps towards the eradication of child labour and, if so, what were these steps?

Is the Commission satisfied with progress made by the Turkish Government in the eradication of child labour?

If not, how does the Commission intend to assist the Turkish Government in achieving the desired results, and does it consider a more direct dialogue to be necessary?

Turkish hazelnut exports are largely intended for the European Union. What measures does the Commission intend to ensure compliance by European employers with ILO core conventions?