

**Question for written answer E-004806/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Items of clothing acquired in non-EU countries for European Union missions

Items of clothing produced in Asian countries were supplied to the members of the recent European Union electoral observation mission in Paraguay, for their activities.

In view of the difficulties faced by the textiles sector, why were supplies not procured from EU producers, or, at least, producers in Paraguay?