

**Question for written answer E-013322/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: European Union's commercial policy and human rights

Non-governmental organisations have been criticising the practices of the Brazilian company Yaguarete Pora, which imports beef into the European Union, for several years now. The company has been fined by the Paraguayan Government for destroying large swathes of a forest in Paraguay which is home to the Ayoreo-Totobiegosode tribe.

The European Union demands that exports of goods from third countries to the EU meet a number of standards. I would therefore like to ask which human rights standards are incorporated into the EU's commercial policy.

1. Can the Commission ensure that the EU's commercial policy includes a requirement for third-country companies exporting goods to the EU to respect human rights?
2. If the Commission is competent in this area, what means are at its disposal to ensure that this requirement is met?
3. Does the Commission intend to take any action in connection with the allegations made against Yaguarete Pora?