

**Question for written answer E-013758/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Illegal exports of European electrical waste

The following questions concerning illegal exports of European electrical waste and the pilot project 'Recovering critical raw materials through recycling - an opportunity for the European Union and African Union' require a response from the Commission.

1. Following the establishment of the EU-Africa recycling partnership and the pilot project, what specific measures have been taken to address the appalling working conditions in the African recycling industry, which have been well documented since 2011, and the health risks workers face, now and in the long term?
2. If specific measures have been taken, how will MEPs be kept regularly informed about their implementation?
3. What specific measures are being taken on the European side to stem illegal exports of electrical waste, and is action being taken under the criminal law on the African side in an effort to halt imports - which are getting out of hand - and the exploitation and endangerment of those who are forced by severe economic hardship to carry out this hazardous work?