

**Question for written answer E-000324/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Modern laws to end modern slavery

In 2014 the International Labour Organisation adopted the ILO Protocol on Forced Labour. On 8 September 2015 the European Parliament passed a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision authorising Member States to ratify, in the interests of the European Union, the Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930, of the International Labour Organisation with regard to matters related to social policy (06732/2015 – C8-0079/2015 – 2014/0259(NLE)). To date, however, it has only been ratified by two nations (Norway and Niger). The International Trade Union Confederation has now started a campaign to get broad governmental support for ratification of the Protocol. Forced labour/modern slavery is a growing problem which now affects over 21 million workers worldwide.

What is the Commission doing to urge governments, both of Member States and foreign countries, to ratify the 2014 ILO Protocol on Forced Labour?