

**Question for written answer E-003596/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: Decent work in the retail sector — including after the impact of COVID-19

The measures to combat COVID-19 have a significant impact on the global retail sector. This is due to the closure of clothing stores in several European countries, the difficulties in the supply of raw materials from different regions of the world and the applicable national lockdowns. Workers — in Europe and throughout the world — are severely affected, especially in countries without any social protection and with scant protective working conditions.

In response to the Schone Kleren Campagne (Clean Clothes Campaign) ¹ — an international network of unions, social organisations and women's groups dedicated to ensuring a sustainable garment manufacturing process offering decent working conditions — we should like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. What steps is the Commission taking to encourage companies — by means of the recovery measures — to prioritise decent work and working conditions in the retail sector?
2. How does the Commission encourage national authorities to promote human rights via the national recovery and support measures?

¹ Schone Kleren Campagne: <https://www.schonekleren.nl>