

**Question for written answer E-004935/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement and human rights

The National Assembly of Vietnam has ratified the Europe-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA), and it came into effect in August. Over the next 10 years the EVFTA will cut or eliminate 99 % of tariffs on trade between the two sides. Negotiations between the EU and Vietnam began in 2012 but remained stalled for several years over the latter's refusal to accept human rights and environmental clauses. With the agreement now ratified, the hard work of monitoring now begins.

1. How has the Commission addressed human rights concerns during the negotiations of the free trade agreement with Vietnam?
2. Can the Commission explain how it plans to monitor human rights developments in Vietnam in order to uphold commitments made in the agreement?
3. In future how will the Commission ensure that the impact of trade agreements on human rights is taken into account to an even greater degree before it concludes trade agreements?