

**Question for written answer E-006426/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU trade agreement with Colombia, Ecuador and Peru: developing fair trade

Under Article 271 of the trade agreement between the European Union and Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, the Parties recognise that 'flexible, voluntary, and incentive-based mechanisms can contribute to coherence between trade practices and the objectives of sustainable development'. Under Article 324, the Parties agree 'to attach particular importance to cooperation initiatives aimed at', among other things, 'promoting fair and equitable trade'.

Several signatories to the agreement, on both sides of the Atlantic, have public policies which support fair trade, and the Commission has set out a definition of fair trade<sup>1</sup>.

What action will the Commission take to support enhanced cooperation in fair trade in the context of implementing the objective of sustainable development contained in the agreement?

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<sup>1</sup> See the Commission Communication entitled 'Contributing to Sustainable Development: The role of Fair Trade and non-governmental trade-related sustainability assurance schemes' (COM/2009/0215).