

**Question for written answer E-003349/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Barriers to accessing judicial remedy for victims of human rights abuses in the global value chains of EU companies

10 years after the adoption of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, victims of corporate human rights abuses who were harmed in the global value chains of EU companies continue to face significant barriers to accessing judicial remedy. By endorsing the UN Guiding Principles, the EU and its Member States have committed to improving access to judicial remedy in global value chains.

Parliament has called for advanced value chain civil liability rules in two recent resolutions, on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability¹ and on an EU legal framework to halt and reverse EU-driven global deforestation².

With this in mind:

1. How is the Commission planning to incorporate advanced civil liability rules for failure to prevent harm throughout the value chain into its upcoming legislative initiatives?
2. What other legislative and non-legislative measures is the Commission planning in order to address the barriers to justice faced by victims of corporate abuse in the value chains of EU companies?
3. How will the Commission 'support and actively make use of' the EU Fundamental Rights Agency report entitled 'Business and Human Rights – Access to Remedy' (2020), as requested by the Council in its point 51 of its Conclusions on Human Rights and Decent Work in Global Supply Chains?

Supporters³

¹ European Parliament resolution of 10 March 2021 with recommendations to the Commission on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability. Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0073.

² European Parliament resolution of 22 October 2020 with recommendations to the Commission on an EU legal framework to halt and reverse EU-driven global deforestation. Texts adopted, P9_TA(2020)0285.

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