

**Question for written answer E-001600/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Review of Pakistan's eligibility for GSP+ status

In April 2021, Parliament called on the Commission and the European External Action Service to immediately review Pakistan's eligibility for GSP+ status in the light of continued human rights abuses in the country, drawing particular attention to its highly controversial 'Blasphemy Laws.'

1. Since April 2021, what concrete steps have the Commission and the European External Action Service taken to pressure the government of Pakistan to address the human rights issues raised by Parliament?
2. What dialogue has taken place between the Commission, the European External Action Service and the government of Pakistan with a view to urging the latter to abolish its blasphemy laws?
3. Will the Commission and the European External Action Service assure us that these issues will be prioritised with the new Prime Minister of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif, and indicate when this will be done?