ORAL QUESTION H-0081/08 for Question Time at the part-session in March 2008 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Giovanna Corda to the Commission

Subject: Trade relations and social legislation in China

Besides the recent problems of quality control and traceability which have prompted the withdrawal of hundreds of thousands of dangerous toys imported from China and which are the subject of a series of measures adopted by the Commission, can the Commission tell me the terms of the agreements between itself and China whereby it can be ensured and, if need be, checked that the manufacture of imported products takes place in accordance with standards regarding maximum working hours, the minimum age of workers, the health and safety of workers and a minimum guaranteed wage, so as to avoid the unbridled expansion of these commercial activities taking place at the expense of health, safety and respect for human dignity?

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