

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0022/10

pursuant to Rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Commission

Subject: Regulation applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences

In view of the request made by the Parliament in 2008 that the proposal for a revised regulation applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences covering the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2014 be forwarded to Parliament by 1 June 2010, when does the Commission intend to submit this proposal to Parliament?

How does the Commission check and evaluate that the commitments made by beneficiary countries are being honoured, in particular the effective implementation of international conventions on human rights, labour standards, sustainable development and good governance? How does the Commission evaluate the current GSP+ system in terms of the increase in export volume?

On what grounds does the Commission decide to initiate an investigation (Article 16) and subsequently propose a temporary withdrawal of the preferential arrangements?

At present (Article 17), it is provided that only a Member State or the Commission may consider that there are sufficient grounds for an investigation. How does the Commission intend to take into account Parliament's view when the latter considers that there are sufficient grounds for an investigation?

When does the Commission intend to submit to Parliament the requested report on the ratification and implementation status of the conventions, for each country benefiting from the special incentive arrangement?

Has the Commission prepared the impact assessment study of the effects of the GSP covering the period from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2009 as requested by Parliament in 2008?

How did the Commission 'strive within the World Trade Organization (WTO) to achieve an agreement harmonising the rules of origin, pursuant to which developing countries and the LDCs receive preferential treatment'?

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