

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2212/06  
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to the Commission

Subject: Statistics for textiles and clothing imports (January-November 2005)

In the light of the trend in Chinese textiles exports to the European market, as illustrated by the statistics available, a trend which concerns categories both within and outside the scope of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) concluded between the European Commission and the Chinese authorities on 10 June 2005, what are the Commission's intentions, given that its own political guidelines, laid down last year, have been overtaken by events?

On 1 January 2008 the restrictions laid down in the MoU will cease to apply and the 2005 situation will be repeated. What steps does the Commission plan to take, not least in the light of the fact that the situation concerning the categories not covered by the MoU is critical?