

**Question for written answer P-002679/2013  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Everything But Arms (EBA) investigation in Cambodia

There is extensive evidence that serious human rights violations connected to land concessions have occurred in Cambodia. The UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia presented a report in September 2012<sup>1</sup>, referring to 'well-documented serious and widespread human rights violations associated with land concessions'. Moreover, in its resolution of 26 October 2012<sup>2</sup>, Parliament recommended a temporary suspension of the EBA initiative on sugar and other agricultural products from Cambodia because of the obvious link between sugar exports to the EU and problems with land concessions.

1. Is the Commission considering launching an EBA investigation, and, if so, when?
2. If not, what are the reasons for not launching an investigation, given the report by the UN Special Rapporteur and other bodies, and knowing that the measures taken by the Cambodian Government – such as the directive of 7 May 2012 – have not improved the human rights situation so far?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/RegularSession/Session21/A-HRC-21-63-Add1\\_en.pdf](http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/RegularSession/Session21/A-HRC-21-63-Add1_en.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009\\_2014/documents/dase/dv/1129\\_13\\_epres\\_cambodia\\_10oct12\\_/1129\\_13\\_epres\\_cambodia\\_10oct12\\_en.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/dase/dv/1129_13_epres_cambodia_10oct12_/1129_13_epres_cambodia_10oct12_en.pdf)