

**Priority question for written answer P-000127/2020/rev.1  
to the Council**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: GSP+ downgrading due to ineffective implementation

Issues concerning child labour and forced labour, violations of the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining, and failures to implement occupational health and safety measures still largely persist in Pakistan. These problems were acknowledged by VP/HR Mogherini in her answer EN E-000351/2019 on behalf of the Commission. While it is appreciated that the EU is advocating for the adoption and implementation of a comprehensive child labour law and legislation on health and safety at work, the effective implementation of labour rights is a precondition to the Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+) incentives from which Pakistan is benefiting.

Severe violations of labour rights are still being committed due to the absence of labour inspectorates, a lack of apportioned government funds for the implementation of legislation and the absence of independent trade unions, as identified by both the International Labour Organisation and the EU.

1. What concrete assurances has the Government of Pakistan given to the EU that labour rights will be effectively implemented, considering that Pakistan has failed to comply with this precondition since the GSP+ was launched in 2014?
2. Will the EU be downgrading Pakistan's GSP+ status to GSP or EBA status until such time as labour rights have been effectively implemented?