

**Priority question for written answer P-000146/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Trade misinvoicing and unjust debt

Action for Southern Africa's report 'The Money Drain: How Trade Misinvoicing and Unjust Debt Undermine Economic and Social Rights in Southern Africa' finds that the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region loses USD 8.8 billion in trade-related illicit outflows, and USD 21.1 billion in external government debt payments per year.

1. Does the Commission believe that the United Nations is the most legitimate body through which rights-based international tax policies can be formulated, and international initiatives on tax (including those that aim to combat trade misinvoicing and other illicit financial flows) can be coordinated?
2. Does the Commission believe that EU members states owe developing countries climate debts, and if so how much is owed by EU Member States to developing countries as a whole, and how much to African states?