Question avec demande de réponse orale O-000133/2013 à la Commission Article 115 du règlement Vital Moreira au nom de la commission du commerce international

Objet: GSP+ monitoring mechanism and the GSP+ scorecards

On 28 August the Commission adopted a delegated act on Establishment of Annex III of Regulation (EU) No 978/212 applying the scheme of generalised tariff preferences.

The GSP Regulation features enhanced monitoring to ensure effective implementation of the 27 Core Conventions. The basic Regulation does not lay down specific mechanisms for this monitoring. The GSP+ scorecards developed by the Commission will be the instrument for enhanced monitoring and dialogue with the beneficiary country.

The scorecards will be updated in light of new information, including from sources such as civil society. They will be the basis of dialogue, for the report drafted by the Commission before 2016 and also for possible investigations for withdrawal of a beneficiary country from the list.

The quality of these scorecards and any reliable information gathered by the Commission will be decisive for the effectiveness of the monitoring.

1. Could the Commission explain the modalities of the dialogue with the beneficiary countries? How will the Commission ensure beneficiary countries respect their binding undertakings? How will the Commission ensure it receives regular information in relation to the scorecards from the beneficiary countries as well as from the relevant monitoring bodies? What kind of progress will be required from beneficiary countries to keep GSP+ status?

2. How will the Commission ensure that the monitoring mechanism will have binding targets and clearly defined deadlines to ensure that the GSP+ mechanism will have measurable results?

3. How will the Commission involve Parliament in a meaningful way in the monitoring process?

4. How does the Commission view the role of civil society organisations, other than the relevant monitoring bodies, in contributing towards the monitoring process?

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