

**Question for written answer E-015209/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject:     Exploitation of child labour in the cocoa industry

The 2010 International Cocoa Agreement was signed by the EU on 10 June 2011.

One of the main questions raised at the time concerned exploitation of children on the plantations. This issue was deemed to be key as of conclusion of the Harkin-Engel protocol, which aimed to improve child labour standards, put together a cocoa certification scheme and prohibit forms of slavery in the harvesting sector.

In March 2012, the European Parliament adopted a resolution expressing serious concern with regard to child labour in the cocoa-bean growing and harvesting phases.

Can the Commission say what progress has been made concerning traceability of cocoa-based products produced by industries that exploit child labour?