

Question for written answer E-015712/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Implications of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with developing countries

The EU concluded a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Vietnam on 2 December 2015. This is the first such agreement that the EU has concluded with a developing country, and it will remove more than 99 % of tariffs on goods traded between the two economies.

The EU is also holding talks with other ASEAN countries such as Thailand and Malaysia in order to secure region-to-region agreements.

Can the Commission indicate whether these agreements will include clauses on child labour and conditions of workers in risky occupations? What is the Commission's approach to securing workers' rights? Will the Commission assess the sustainable management of natural resources in this case?