

**Question for written answer E-003809/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Importation into the European Union (EU) of products made using forced labour in Cuban prisons

A report entitled ‘Cuba’s prison business: 60 000 prisoners are used as slave labour’ reveals that the Cuban regime is exploiting prisoners as slave labour, forcing them to produce marabou charcoal, tobacco and other goods in inhuman conditions. These products are then sold on European markets, chiefly in Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece.

This practice, which this report criticises and documents with evidence and testimonies, constitutes modern slavery, expressly prohibited under the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the European Convention on Human Rights, the EU Forced Labour Regulation and the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive.

In light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of this state of affairs? Has it begun any investigation to verify compliance with European legislation on forced labour and demand that those responsible be held accountable?
2. What specific measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure that products made using forced labour in Cuban prisons neither enter nor are sold on the internal market?

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