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to the Commission
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Subject: Consistency of the Generalised Scheme of Preferences / Everything But Arms with the human rights situation in Myanmar

The main objective of the EU's Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) / Everything But Arms (EBA) tariff preferences scheme is to help eradicate poverty and promote human rights. The situation in Myanmar has deteriorated significantly since the military coup: increased repression of the civilian population, systematic human rights violations, impoverishment of rural communities and escalation of the armed conflict. Against this backdrop, it is essential to clarify the extent to which these preferences are consistent with the Union's objectives and values.

1. How does the Commission justify maintaining the GSP/EBA tariff preferences for Myanmar, especially for rice, given the ongoing deterioration of the human rights and living conditions of rural communities?

2. Has it assessed whether maintaining these preferences may be indirectly financing the military regime and prolonging the armed conflict?

3. Does it intend to launch, as a matter of urgency, a formal assessment and investigation procedure concerning the GSP/EBA scheme's economic and social impact on Myanmar, and will it temporarily suspend these preferences until a real improvement in human rights and rural conditions can be guaranteed?

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