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The Commission, jointly with the High Representative/Vice-President (HR/VP), continuously engages with Uzbek authorities on issues related to human rights, notably in the context of the EU's Special Incentive Arrangement for Sustainable Development and Good Governance of the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP+) from which Uzbekistan benefits, as well as through regular Human Rights Dialogues, held most recently in June 2025.

The Commission and the HR/VP are committed to advancing equality and combating discrimination in all its forms. In their engagement with third countries, both the Commission and the HR/VP encourage efforts to address multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, including on the basis of sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, language, religion or belief, political or other opinion, property, birth, disability, age, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The specific issue of compulsory human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing and the criminalisation of HIV transmission was also discussed with Uzbek authorities during the last GSP+ monitoring mission in March 2025.

The Commission and the HR/VP are prepared to discuss this issue further in the context of upcoming engagements. This development will further be addressed throughout GSP+ monitoring, including in the forthcoming GSP monitoring report.