

**Question for written answer E-000045/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
Jonas Sjöstedt (The Left)

Subject: The situation in Viet Nam regarding human rights and labour rights

While the EU-Viet Nam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA), which came into effect four years ago, has created economic opportunities, Viet Nam's progress on labour rights, working conditions and environmental standards has been slow, which threatens the ethical foundation of EU-Viet Nam trade. Human rights defenders, journalists and peaceful activists are still facing censorship, arrests and persecution. Additionally, the growing trend of transnational repression towards Vietnamese citizens abroad is making things even worse.

The silencing of civil society representatives is a clear breach of Viet Nam's commitments under the EVFTA and the EU-Viet Nam Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA).

1. What is the Commission's current and future role in monitoring both the implementation of the International Labour Organization's standards in Viet Nam and the country's hindrances to freedom of association?
2. What steps has the Commission taken to address the imprisonments and persecutions of human rights defenders, journalists and peaceful activists in Viet Nam, specifically with regard to the EVFTA?
3. What actions is the Commission taking to ensure that Viet Nam complies with its obligations under the EU-Viet Nam PCA?

Submitted: 8.1.2025