

FORM FOR TABLING PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

EN

To the: COUNCIL
COMMISSION

ORAL QUESTIONS	WRITTEN QUESTIONS
Oral Question with debate (Rule 115) <input type="checkbox"/>	Written Question (Rule 117) <input type="checkbox"/>
Question Time (Rule 116) <input type="checkbox"/>	Priority Written Question (Rule 117 (4)) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AUTHOR(S): Bas EICKHOUT	
SUBJECT: Human rights violations related to Emissions Trading Scheme (please specify)	
<p>TEXT:</p> <p>The Clean Development Mechanisms has two equally important objectives: to create cost-efficient emission reductions and to contribute to sustainable development. Earlier this year, several organizations including CDM Watch and the Carbon Markets Investors Association condemned human rights abuses in relation to the CDM project “Aguán biogas recovery Pal Oil Mill Effluent (POME) ponds and biogas utilization”. This project is at the centre of allegation, directly linking its activities to the killings of local residents over land conflicts. Moreover, there are serious concerns that the local stakeholder consultation was not conducted adequately, omitting the fundamental human right of public participation for the affected local communities. A decision about the project is expected at the 62nd meeting of the CDM Executive Board from 11-15 July 2011. Yet, despite the fact that EU Member States have signed the universal declaration of human rights, if registered, the carbon credits from this project could enter the European carbon market and be used to count towards climate targets under the EU ETS and the Effort Sharing Decision.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does the European Commission ensure that the project “Aguan biogas recovery” will be rejected if the local stakeholder consultation was conducted or announced in an inadequate manner? Is the European Commission for example engaged in a dialogue with the CDM executive board in this matter? 2. Given that all EU Member States have signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, how does the European Commission ensure that offset projects that violate human rights be banned from entering the European carbon market? 3. Does the European Commission see the need for additional sustainability criteria for offset projects? If so, when and how will the European Commission address this? 	
Signature(s):	Date: 29-06-2011

