

**Question for written answer E-001447/2011
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Follow-up question on ACTA

In her question for written answer to the Commission P-9179/2010, Françoise Castex (SD/FR) asked: 'Could the Commission clarify to what degree ACTA is a binding or voluntary agreement, given that the US apparently does not believe its laws must be consistent with ACTA?'

The Commission answered: 'The Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) is a binding international agreement on all its parties, as defined and subject to the rules of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (1969)'.

Is the Commission aware that the United States has not ratified the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties?