

**Question for written answer E-006961/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Progress of the negotiations on EU accession to the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)

The Treaty of Lisbon has empowered the EU to accede to the ECHR (amended text of Article 6(2) of the Treaty on European Union), thus ensuring that EU action and the actions of Member States when applying Union law will be brought within the scope of external judicial review for the purposes of human rights.

Even though they began in 2010, the negotiations to secure an agreement on EU accession to the ECHR have still not been completed, and the draft accession agreement is currently before the Court of Justice, which is to ascertain whether the agreement is compatible with Union law.

What is the state of play in the negotiations, and what timetable has been laid down for the EU's accession to the ECHR?

When does the Commission think that the agreement can be signed?