

**Question for written answer E-008120/2014
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: World Trade Organisation Council on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) Council on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) is to be held on 29 October 2014 in Geneva. The stated purpose of the regular WTO TRIPS meetings is to maintain a dialogue among delegate members regarding the multilateral system of intellectual property (IP) protection and its impact on trade, development and the dissemination of innovative technologies. As the Commission negotiates in the WTO forum on behalf of the EU and its Member States, I would like to ask for more details about the agenda of this meeting and about the future working agenda of the WTO Council on TRIPS.

In order to reach an objective assessment of the impact of IP on the innovation process, direct input from a variety of stakeholders – beyond government officials and industry representatives – would be needed. With this in mind, can Members of the European Parliament be invited to participate at WTO TRIPS meetings as representatives of EU citizens who enjoy intellectual property rights?