

**Question for written answer E-008677/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Protection of human rights in TTIP

Point 1 of the secret document of 17 June 2013 published by the General Secretariat of the Council on 'Directives for the negotiation on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the European Union and the United States of America' states that the Agreement 'is based on common values, including the protection and promotion of human rights and international security'.

Point 6 of the Preamble and General Principles reiterates these shared values, specifically in the areas of 'human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law'.

Does the Commission consider that depriving public opinion of information about the topics being debated in relation to first the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with Canada and now TTIP with the United States is the best way to uphold the rule of law?