

**Question for written answer E-008679/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Transparent negotiation and conclusion of the CETA

The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) was signed on 27 September 2014 during the EU-Canada summit, which was also the first time that its full content was made public. The Agreement runs to 1 500 pages, which include the text of the Agreement itself, plus the annexes.

The Agreement applies to a wide range of fields and covers matters that are liable to have a significant impact on the capacity of national institutions to implement public policy in almost every area.

Does the Commission feel that this way of doing things – i.e. making the text of an agreement of such importance fully public on the very day it is to be signed – is the right way to satisfy the transparency, information and responsibility requirements in respect of institutions operating under the rule of law?