

**Question for written answer E-009220/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Repeal of European Communities Act 1972

Under UK law, it is a fundamental principle that no Parliament may legally bind its successor. Consequently, all international treaties are signed only to the extent allowed by this principle. The UK could, as an alternative to invoking Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, opt for the more direct approach of repealing the European Communities Act 1972.

What would be the consequences of such a decision for the negotiation of a free trade deal between the United Kingdom and the EU?