

**Question for written answer E-010816/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: International corruption

At present, when negotiations are being initiated between the European Union and Andorra, is the Commission able to confirm or deny the following?

It appears that the mandate for the negotiations separates the areas of banking and tobacco.

If verified as accurate, this information would raise a problem regarding credibility. Indeed, the areas of banking and tobacco are extremely sensitive subjects and are factors in corruption and trafficking the world over.

It would be a good idea for the Commission to take swift action on this matter. Recent information linked to a corruption network in Andorra and Spanish Catalonia, which implicates a separatist Catalan leader, has shown the sensitive nature of banking activities in this principality.