

**Question for written answer E-000354/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Opinion of the Court of Justice on the accession of the EU to the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)

On 4 June 2010, upon the recommendation of the Commission, the Council adopted a decision authorising the opening of negotiations for an agreement on the accession of the EU to the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). The Commission was designated as negotiator. On 5 April 2013, the negotiations resulted in an agreement on the draft accession instruments. In that context, on 4 July 2013 the Commission asked the Court of Justice to give its opinion on the compatibility of the draft agreement with EU law, pursuant to Article 218(11) TFEU.

The Court issued an opinion on 18 December 2014, concluding that the draft agreement on the accession of the EU to the ECHR is not compatible with EU law.

What is the Commission's position with regard to the opinion delivered by the Court of Justice?

What are the next steps that the Commission intends to take in order to ensure that EU accession to the ECHR will be possible?