

**Question for written answer E-000622/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Secrecy in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations

According to the declarations made by the Trade Commissioner in January 2015, 'there are areas [of the TTIP negotiations] that are too sensitive to be made public, such as those relating to market access, quotas and tariffs, and require a degree of secrecy during the negotiations'.

According to the European Ombudsman the problems with the transparency of the negotiations have to do with the US position on the matter.

1. In the light of the Trade Commissioner's declarations, might it be said that her sensitivity is directed more towards safeguarding the interests of the United States in the negotiations, rather than upholding the rights of European men and women?
2. Given the benefits the agreement brings for large American corporations, does the Commission consider that the Partnership is one more example of European interests being subordinate to those of the United States?