

**Question for written answer E-000874/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The European Social Charter

The European Social Charter, a document of the Council of Europe, has so far been signed by 47 European countries. The document was ratified by 43 European countries. As European social policy is one of the pillars of the existence of the European Union, I believe that the accession of the European Union to the European Social Charter would be essential. Through its commitment in many Member States, as well as in many countries that are not EU members but are signatories to the European Social Charter, the European Union significantly contributes to better social conditions in those countries.

I ask the Commission whether and when it will consider and proceed to sign the European Social Charter, which would then be ratified by the European Parliament?