

**Question for written answer E-000901/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Is the Commission listening to the people of the European Union?

On 13 January 2015, the Commission published the results of a consultation on investment settlement procedures which was launched in spring 2014. There can be no dispute about the result: 145 000 respondents were opposed out of a total of 150 000. Even Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström has acknowledged that '[the consultation] clearly shows that there is a huge scepticism against the ISDS instrument'.

1. Will the Commission now take its own consultation into account?
2. Does the Commission plan to withdraw the principle of arbitration tribunals (ISDS stands for Investor-to-State Dispute Settlement) from the transatlantic treaty currently being negotiated, as all the opposition and scepticism is centred around this?
3. Can the Commission say whether in the negotiations it has set itself a point beyond which it will not move?