

**Question for written answer E-001195/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Accession to the ECHR

Respect for human rights and the protection thereof are core values of the European Union. However, although its new legal personality finally allows the formal admission of its institutions, many legal and political obstacles have arisen in recent years to full EU accession to the ECHR.

1. How does the Commission intend to reply to observations by the Court of Justice in its recent opinion of 18 December 2014 and which legal instruments does it intend to implement in the coming months?
2. With regard to the negotiations currently under way between the Member States, what policies being envisaged by the Commission to persuade the Council to overcome remaining divisions between certain key Member States?