

**Question for written answer E-006275/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Statement by Commissioner Timmermans concerning more power for national parliaments and ministers

According to the Danish newspaper *Information* (9 March 2015), Commissioner Frans Timmermans stated at a meeting in London on 5 March 2015 that 'business as usual' was no longer an option in the EU. Quicker results and more power for the national parliaments and ministers are part of the remedy for regaining the people's trust in the EU, continues the correspondent's report.

Can the Commission confirm these statements?

If the statements are correct, what specific steps does it intend to take towards returning power to national parliaments and ministers?