Question for written answer E-007091/2015 to the Commission

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Subject: TTIP leak - What is the TTIP's relationship with the TiSA?

The media have released an EU document on the TTIP negotiations that should have remained confidential and which concerns negotiations on investments in the field of services¹.

The early part of the document states that it has been drawn up on the basis of agreements reached in September during negotiations on the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) and that, for purposes of clarity, references to actual TiSA articles are included.

The EU says that TTIP negotiations might be completed in 2015²; meanwhile, the text of the TiSA will not be known until the relevant negotiations are completed at some unknown future date. Political will and declarations of intent aside, the Commission cannot be certain that the TiSA negotiations will be completed before the TTIP negotiations.

Can the Commission therefore explain how, in this case, it thinks the text of the TTIP can be comprehensible if it contains references to the secret text of a treaty that has yet to be ratified?

Can the Commission also explain the logic whereby it has included in the TTIP references to another treaty that has yet to be ratified?

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