

**Question for written answer E-007753/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Iceland's accession to the EU

On 17 June 2015 it will be five years since the Council agreed to open negotiations towards making Iceland an EU Member State in accordance with the application for membership filed in July 2009. However, on 13 March 2015 the Icelandic Government decided to withdraw its application.

The complex fisheries chapter (Chapter XIII), a particularly sensitive field for Iceland where significant progress needs to be made in the integration process, appears to be one of the main reasons why the accession process launched by the Social Democrats was closed.

Given that Iceland has already incorporated two-thirds of EU legislation within its own corpus of law and belongs to the Schengen Area and the European Economic Area:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the negotiations?
2. How likely is it that Iceland will join the EU in the future?