

**Question for written answer E-008173/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Relationship between the European Union and Switzerland

On 9 February, the Swiss adopted the initiative 'Against mass immigration', which is to be implemented in February 2017. From that time, the Swiss authorities are requesting the renegotiation of the agreement on the free movement of persons, with the aim of introducing quotas for citizens of the Union.

1. What is the Commission's position on this matter?
2. Does the Commission believe it is necessary to take a hard line against the Swiss, and that the establishment of quotas for European citizens is not negotiable?