

**Question for written answer E-008174/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU-Mexico trade negotiations

On 11 May 2015, Cecilia Malmström stated that she hoped officially to launch the updating of the EU-Mexico Free Trade Agreement (FTA) by the end of the year. The Commissioner considers it necessary to update this FTA, concluded 15 years ago, in order to respond to changes in the structure of global trade. She also said it was necessary to be ready to 'commit to a highly ambitious negotiation'.

1. Does the Commission consider it possible that EU-Mexico negotiations will start by the end of the year?
2. Can the Commission clarify what Cecilia Malmström means by 'ambitious negotiation'?
3. Is the aim for a sort of Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership with Mexico, which would jeopardise still further European regulations protecting the environment, consumers, workers, etc.?