

**Question for written answer E-008690/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Economic Partnership Agreement between the EU and West Africa

On 12 December 2014, the Foreign Affairs Council approved a new Economic Partnership Agreement between the EU and West Africa.

The implications of this agreement for the competitiveness of farmers and small industries in West Africa are deeply worrying.

Can the Commission say precisely what will be done to protect African farmers and to prevent the agreement from having a dire impact on rural communities?