

**Question for written answer E-008962/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: United Kingdom and exemption rules

The UK elections held on 10 May signalled a victory for Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservative Party. During his campaign, he promised to hold a referendum on UK membership of the European Union. As soon as his party's victory was announced, David Cameron stated that he had enough 'political capital' to 'reform Europe from within'. The British Prime Minister is therefore using national elections to demand concessions from the European Union, primarily with regard to UK sovereignty and the policy of free movement for Union citizens. Thus David Cameron's government will be able to enjoy rights not available to any other Member State. Although the British policy is understandable, it is at the very least surprising that the same does not go for all EU Member States. For example, the United Kingdom has indicated that it will not take part in plans to distribute refugees throughout the Union.

Does the Commission intend to apply the exemption status currently enjoyed by the United Kingdom across the board to all Union Member States?