

**Question for written answer E-009624/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: The role of the European Parliament in the negotiation of trade treaties

When dealing with trade treaties, the negotiating mandate of the European Union falls to the European Commission and the Council of the European Union. However, in spite of the significant legislative powers concerning trade policy assigned to it on entry into force of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the European Parliament plays a very marginal role in the negotiation of treaties. This is extremely important given that the European Parliament is the only institution at Community level that directly represents the people of the Union.

1. Will the Commission involve the European Parliament more actively in the negotiation of trade treaties and agreements with third countries?
2. What specific measures will the Commission implement under the current multiannual framework to increase the role of the European Parliament in the negotiation of such treaties and agreements?