

**Question for written answer E-009677/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Infringement of intellectual property rights

The fact that a great many infringements of property rights are committed for business purposes, and the burgeoning role being played by organised crime groups in those infringements, are presenting a major problem.

We can but lament that the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (The Palermo Convention) has still not been supplemented with a protocol on counterfeiting.

What is the Commission's position on this matter and what action is it taking in this specific area?