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Subject: Legitimacy of TiSA negotiations

According to information we have received recently, negotiations are being held on an international agreement on trade in services, known as TiSA. This agreement will promote liberalisation and deregulation of services, something that would have huge consequences for the lives of people living in the European Union Member States. Our countries are represented at these negotiations by the Commission, an institution which has not been directly elected.

The Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, to which the vast majority of EU Member States (including Spain) are signatories, states that international treaties must be subjected to democratic debate. However the first clause of TiSA states that its contents shall not be made public until five years after its signature.

1. Would the Commission be in breach of the Vienna Convention?
2. Does the Commission consider it has democratic legitimacy to take part in these negotiations when the matter has not been debated beforehand in any institution elected by universal suffrage?