

**Question for written answer E-010463/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Level playing field for European ports

A level playing field, Europe-wide, is of the utmost importance if the ports of Europe are to function at their best. We therefore take the view that all forms of state aid must be abolished at the same time.

The Commission has reportedly issued the Netherlands with an ultimatum to introduce mandatory corporation tax on ports.

In the context of a level playing field, we consider that all research into the various forms of state aid to ports must be finished before issuing such ultimata.

Is the report of the Commission's ultimatum true?

Does the Commission share our view on a level playing field in relation

- a) to the simultaneous abolition of state aid to ports? and
- b) to completion of research into state aid before issuing ultimata?