

**Question for written answer E-011730/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Discrepancies between the statistical results of the EU and Central America regarding the Association Agreement

On 18 March 2015, the Commission published its first annual report on the implementation of the 4th part of the Association Agreement between the EU and Central America. In this report there are significant divergences in the handling of data in respect of the statistical results between the EU and Central America, which could lead to a distortion of the idea one or the other side may have in relation to the results of the implementation of the Association Agreement, particularly with regard to its commercial aspect, so that erroneous conclusions could easily be drawn. As the Commission's Annual Report states, statistical deviations are as great as + 255% in the case of Panama, and + 46% in the case of Costa Rica.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- What are the reasons for the discrepancies listed in the Annual Report?
- What does it intend to do to tackle these discrepancies so that the data collected by the Central American countries are standardised and match?
- What is, in its view, the impact of these discrepancies on the implementation of the Association Agreement?