

**Question for written answer E-013917/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Policy coherence for development and access to medicines

Article 208 of the Lisbon Treaty establishes the principle of policy coherence for development, requiring that the objectives of development cooperation be taken into account in policies that are likely to affect developing countries.

The EU has been playing a growing role in supporting a global health agenda and both the Commission and the Member States have invested significant resources in the area of health in the global south in recent years.

The EU has been promoting trade policies and trade agreements containing clauses that are detrimental to the health of the citizens in the global south.

Goal 3 of the new Sustainable Development Goals calls for ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages and providing access to medicines for all.

1. Does the Commission intend to develop new innovation and development policies to put an end to patents which curtail people's access to medicines?
2. Does the Commission intend to revise intellectual property rights clauses in trade agreements with developing countries in order to ensure that Article 208 of the Lisbon Treaty is respected and to safeguard SDG 3?