

**Question for written answer E-014071/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The EU acceded to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) on 23 December 2010. The EU's initial report¹ has since then been the subject of a review by the UN's CRPD Committee, which, in its concluding observations, stated its concern that 'the European Union has not ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention'.

Can the Commission give an explanation as to why the EU has not yet ratified the Optional Protocol?

Is it the intention of the EU to ratify this protocol, and if so, when?

¹ Reference: CRPD/C/EU/CO/1.