Question for written answer E-014462/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: Zero rating

At its most recent part-session, Parliament ratified the agreement reached on the single telecommunications market. This agreement includes measures that will have an impact in terms of both the abolition of roaming from 15 June 2017 and the introduction of European rules to protect net neutrality.

Nevertheless, practices such as zero rating remain outside the scope of the agreement. These practices call into question the principles enshrined in the regulation on the single telecommunications market, since they jeopardise compliance with the principle of net neutrality and pose a threat to compliance with competition laws.

What view does the Commission take of zero rating arrangements and their impact on both the principle of net neutrality and competition? Does the Commission intend to take a decision on this matter?

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