

**Question for written answer E-015583/2015
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Request to consult Code of Conduct Group documents

The Special Committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect, set up on 12 February 2015, has asked the Commission for a number of documents that it wishes to consult.

The request relates to Commission working documents produced between 1998 and 2009 in connection with meetings of the Ecofin Code of Conduct Group. As stipulated in the Council conclusions of 9 March 1998, the proceedings of the Code of Conduct Group are confidential and based on confidential documents. The arrangements for handing over such documents to Parliament are therefore governed by the rules laid down in Annex II of the framework agreement, which require that the Member State involved give its prior consent.

To date 13 countries, including Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, have not given the necessary authorisation, and this is severely hampering the special committee's work.

What, in the Council's opinion, is the reason for this reluctance? Will it intervene in order to enable the special committee to consult the important documents in question and ensure that these will cover all Member States?