Question for written answer E-015857/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Lola Sánchez Caldentey (GUE/NGL)

Subject: TTIP and Sustainable Development Goals

Under Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, all European action should be in line with the principle of policy coherence for development, should not run counter to the objective of poverty reduction and should promote, as far as possible, the principles laid down in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union.

In September, at the UN General Assembly, the European Union and its Member States adopted a set of Sustainable Development Goals which will provide a framework for future EU development policy.

The EU is now negotiating a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) with the United States, which, given the two sides' share of global trade, will inevitably have an impact on developing countries.

How will the Commission ensure that the TTIP does not undermine the Millennium Development Goals and that, as far as possible, it contributes to their achievement?

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