

**Question for written answer E-000094/2016
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Brexit vs Grexit

The UK's demand for a looser relationship with the EU has recently been at the forefront of the European Council's priorities and preparations for the upcoming summit (17-18 December) in Brussels. The latest statements by President Tusk (*The Guardian*, 02/12/2015) refer to his decision with David Cameron to intensify talks with London and his intense desire to conclude an agreement which would form the basis of the UK's continuing membership of the EU.

In view of the above, will the Council say:

1. Do the EU Treaties allow for the possibility of the EU altering its relationship with a Member State?
2. If so, was the refusal to discuss a reduction in the Greek debt a case of double standards by the Council vis-à-vis two equal Member States?