

**Question for written answer E-002825/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: CETA and the dispute settlement mechanism

Despite being approved a long time ago by European Union institutions, the CETA free trade agreement between the EU and Canada, which is currently in the process of being ratified at national level, is attracting a lot of criticism, primarily in relation to its dispute settlement mechanism.

Given people's general indignation on both sides of the Atlantic, which is growing as more becomes known about this free trade agreement, the ratification process was, in fact, stopped, which led to the reopening of the negotiation process with a view to recasting the agreement. According to the information published, Commissioner Malmström will already have reached an agreement with the Canadian authorities aimed at recasting the dispute settlement mechanism.

Can the Commission confirm this news, the exact terms of the agreement and the impact that the agreement will have on the TTIP negotiations that are underway?