

**Question for written answer E-004598/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Reconfirmation of the mandate for TTIP negotiations

According to the media, the Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker is planning to ask EU leaders at the summit in June to reconfirm the Commission's mandate to negotiate the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement with the US.

Does that mean the Commission is finally beginning to doubt the legitimacy of the agreement?

How can the Commission want to continue negotiating the agreement when more than three million EU citizens have spoken out against it?

Is free trade more important to the Commission than the EU's high social, healthcare and cultural standards?