Question for written answer E-005222/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Sorin Moisă (S&D)

Subject: Consequences of the Brexit vote for the conclusion of the CETA

The UK voted, on 23 June 2016, to leave the European Union. Although Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) has not yet been triggered, the impact of the UK's vote on finalised or ongoing EU trade negotiations might become difficult to ignore in the months to come.

On 29 February 2016 the legal review of the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) was completed, and both parties declared in a joint statement that they were 'confident that CETA [would] be signed in 2016 and enter into force in 2017'.

Is the goal of having CETA apply by 2017 still a feasible objective after the UK referendum?

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