

**Question for written answer E-005724/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Strategy for trade and investment

The common commercial policy (CCP) has undergone a profound change since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty in December 2009. The outcome of those changes is that trade should not operate in isolation, but should rather be linked to and dependent on many other policies. In the trade policy and the trade negotiations it is currently conducting, the European Union must take into account the sensitivity of certain sectors in terms of market opening, particularly the agricultural sector. According to forecasts, by 2050 the EU-28 is projected to account for only 15 % of the world's GDP, down from 23.7 % in 2013. Since 2015, 90 % of world economic growth is generated outside the EU, and emerging economies' growth rate is slowing down considerably.

1. Will the Commission implement the recommendations of the European Ombudsman of July 2015, with particular regard to access to documents for all negotiations? If so, when?
2. When will the Commission start work on updating EU dual-use export control legislation with a view to pursuing the EU's strategic goals and universal values?
3. When will the Commission start work on presenting a report to Parliament on dual-pricing and other price-distorting practices of major EU trading partners, with special focus on energy resources?