

**Question for written answer E-006360/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Adverse consequences of sanctions against Russia

The Russian government's decision to extend the embargo on food imports from the European Union until the end of 2017, in retaliation for the corresponding sanctions imposed by the European Union, has increased concern about the economic impact of the political decisions that have been taken¹. The restrictions imposed by both sides are estimated to have reduced trade by over US \$ 180 billion over the last three years alone. At political and military level, there has been no substantial progress which might justify the economic cost. Greek producers, farmers and stockbreeders are particularly badly affected, as Russia used to be the main destination of their exports.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- How does it respond to those who emphasise the need to review the sanctions against Russia?
- What actions will it take to support those European citizens whose livelihoods are being destroyed because of these sanctions?

¹ <http://www.euractiv.gr/section/georgia-kai-trofima/news/i-rosia-paratini-to-ebargko-kata-ton-agrotikon-proionton-tis-ee/>