

Question for written answer E-007751/2016/rev.1
to the Council
Rule 130
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Subject: CETA

The EU-Canada free trade agreement (CETA) is due to be signed on 27 October 2016. Sections of CETA could then enter into force provisionally, although Parliaments in the Member States have not yet approved the agreement.

Not even the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have approved the agreement. Furthermore, proceedings against the agreement are pending in the German Federal Constitutional Court.

How will the Council make sure, before it signs the agreement, that, until a decision is taken by the German Federal Constitutional Court in the main proceedings, the decisions taken by the CETA Joint Committee provide sufficient democratic accountability?

How will the Council make sure, before it signs the agreement, that the interpretation of Article 30.7 (3)c CETA makes a unilateral termination of the provisional application by Germany possible (i.e. that Germany can withdraw from the agreement at any time in spite of it entering into force provisionally?)