

Question for written answer E-007753/2016
to the Council
Rule 130
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Subject: CETA

The EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) is due to be signed on 27 October. Parts of CETA would then be able to enter provisionally into force, even though the parliaments of the Member States have not yet approved the agreement.

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

How will the Council ensure, before it signs CETA – e.g. by an interinstitutional agreement – that decisions of the CETA Joint Committee pursuant to Article 30.2(2) of CETA are taken only on the basis of a common position (Article 218(9) TFEU) adopted unanimously in the Council?