

**Question for written answer E-008089/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Assessing the compatibility of the adopted DRF report with the EU Treaties

On 25 October 2016, the European Parliament adopted a report by MEP Sophia in 't Veld on the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights (2015/2254(INL)). During discussions in Parliament, some doubts were raised as to the compatibility of the report with the Treaties and the principles of democracy. First and foremost, the doubts concerned the establishment of new competences with respect to the evaluation of the rule of law on the basis of an inter-institutional agreement, which goes beyond the Treaty competences pursuant to Article 295 TFEU.

Will the Commission assess the compliance of this report with the Treaties and the principle of legality? If so, when?