

**Question for written answer E-008276/2016/rev.1  
to the Council**  
Rule 130  
**Sorin Moisă (S&D)**

Subject: Average response time to written questions tabled by Parliament

On 29 June 2016 I addressed Written Question E-005217/2016 to the Council, concerning the publication of the negotiating directives for the modernisation of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement. The reply to my question is dated 31 October 2016.

1. Is there a deadline for replying to written questions from Parliament, and in the Council's view has the deadline been respected in this case?
2. What was the Council's average response time to written questions tabled by Parliament in 2016?
3. In how many cases has the Council's response time to written questions tabled by Parliament exceeded six weeks?