

**Question for written answer E-004301/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**William (The Earl of) Dartmouth (EFDD)**

Subject: Trade and the recent Middle East dispute

In light of the recent Middle East dispute<sup>1</sup>, with the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Bahrain now threatening to impose conditions on their own trading partners if they trade with Qatar, how will the Commission guarantee that European businesses do not suffer from this threat?

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<sup>1</sup> See: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jun/28/uae-ambassador-threatens-further-sanctions-against-qatar>