

**Question for written answer E-004926/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Effective application of sustainable development provisions in the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement

In its resolution of 18 May 2017 on the implementation of the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement, Parliament drew attention to the shortcomings in Korea's implementation of its binding sustainable development commitments. It also urged the Commission to launch formal consultations with the Korean Government and to call on the panel of experts referred to in the agreement should such consultations fail. Parliament's appeals followed years of efforts made by civil society to convince the EU to act, including letters addressed to Commissioner Malmström and reports compiled by the Civil Society Forum and domestic advisory groups.

1. What is the internal EU process through which the EU can launch consultations and convene the panel of experts?
2. Are there any benchmarks or procedures in place to determine when and how the EU should trigger such procedures? What role, if any, is envisaged for civil society?