

**Question for written answer E-006185/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Unlawful protective tariff imposed by the Republic of South Africa on EU poultry meat

I was appalled to discover that the Republic of South Africa had imposed a high protective tariff on poultry meat from the EU with effect from November 2016. Until then, the EU was exporting over 1 000 tonnes of poultry meat a day to that country, but since the introduction of the anti-dumping protective tariff on the EU's poultry sector, it has been losing around EUR 1 million a week.

South Africa's action contravenes the provisions of the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and the Union of South African States (SADC-EPA) which recently came into force, as well as the rules of the World Trade Organization (WTO). We must put a stop to this!

1. How will the Commission force South Africa to remove the anti-dumping tariff imposed on EU poultry meat?
2. Has the Commission convened the intergovernmental committee responsible for deciding on this and similar contentious issues which is designated in the Agreement?
3. Will the Commission take this matter of South Africa's unlawful protective tariff to the WTO's dispute resolution body?