

**Question for written answer E-007896/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Possible recovery of EU-India relations

Negotiations for a free trade agreement between the EU and India came to a standstill in summer 2013 due to conflicting ambitions. However, at the EU-India Summit held on 6 October 2017, leaders from both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen the economic partnership between the EU and India and to relaunch negotiations.

Does the Commission think that negotiations for a bilateral free trade agreement could be resumed before the next meeting at the end of the first quarter of 2018?