

**Question for written answer E-007898/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: The impact of the declaration of trilateral cooperation on third countries

On 12 December 2017, the Commission uploaded a joint declaration between the EU, the USA and Japan onto its website. The document's aim is to establish trilateral cooperation within the WTO and other forums in order to put a stop to protectionist practices which are distorting the market and which are being conducted by third countries. Even though none of the parties cited China, the policies being pursued by this country seem to indicate it is one of the main culprits.

This raises the following questions:

1. Does the Commission believe that this declaration could have an impact on trade relations between the EU and China?
2. Does the Commission believe that this could also have an impact on the EU's relations with other third countries concerned?