

**Question for written answer E-001063/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Border disputes and EU accession

The EU's enlargement strategy, entitled 'a credible enlargement perspective for the Western Balkans', states that prior to EU accession, the candidate countries should resolve their bilateral issues, that is to say they should resolve all their border disputes before the conclusion of negotiations. In light of the experience of Croatia, which was blocked by Slovenia during accession negotiations due to unresolved border issues, and the subsequently agreed arbitration process, which could not be implemented following Croatia's exit from arbitration:

Does the Commission intend to prepare a procedure that would be applied in respect of candidate countries' unresolved border disputes in order to prevent accession negotiations from being blocked and to ensure that such disputes are effectively resolved?