

Question for written answer E-001613/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Abusive practices

Following an investigation carried out between 2015 and 2017, apparently revealing significant inequity in their practices, the Government of France recently announced that it would take legal action against Apple and Google for what it understands to constitute unfair commercial practices on the part of these companies. Specifically, this relates to disproportionate prices being set for French start-ups wishing to sell their applications on the market places of the two giants and to the ability to unilaterally change the conditions of contracts.

The European Parliament has already on several occasions expressed its concern about practices in the B2B sector, practices which were also noted in the report commissioned by the Commission.

What is the Commission's view as regards these practices and what measures to curtail them is it considering?