

**Question for written answer P-006719/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Public consultation on ISDS

The public consultation carried out by the Commission on the subject of investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) in the context of negotiating the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership Agreement (TTIP) closed on 13 July 2014. ISDS is one of the most contested aspects of the TTIP because there are fears that it could circumvent arrangements sanctioned by democracy and the rule of law.

1. There was a total of 149 399 responses to the public consultation. The German media carried comments by Trade Commissioner Karel de Gucht calling the flood of responses 'an outright attack' and 'a coordinated action'. Are the media reports accurate?
2. Do Commissioner de Gucht's comments reflect the official view of the Commission?
3. What conclusions does the Commission draw from the large number of responses?