

**Question for written answer P-008891/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Follow-up to notifications in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1289/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council

On 7 February 2014, Bulgaria officially notified the Commission, in accordance with Article 1(4)(a) of Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 1289/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council, of a case of lack of reciprocity in visa requirements.

1. Has the Commission undertaken any follow-up to the official notification, which it received more than six months ago, that the USA is continuing to impose visa requirements on travellers from Bulgaria and, if so, what has it done?
2. Given the recent official statement by the EU ambassador to Canada, Marie-Anne Coninx, that the question of Canada's non-reciprocal visa requirements for travellers from Bulgaria would soon be resolved, does the Commission have any information about progress on the lifting of those requirements?