Question for written answer P-003537/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Dariusz Rosati (PPE)

Subject: Mobility Package and the TTIP

The TTIP agreement under negotiation aims at lifting existing barriers to trade and investment. One of the necessary conditions for further development of transatlantic trade relations is the removal of barriers to the free movement of professionals.

Not all EU citizens have the same possibility to enter US territory. As not all Member States are part of the US Visa Waiver Program (which excludes, e.g., Poland, Cyprus and Bulgaria), professionals from these countries face greater difficulties in accessing the US market and, as a consequence, do not have the same possibilities to compete on the market as do professionals from the United States or from Member States participating in the Visa Waiver Program.

- 1. What is the current status of the Mobility Package talks with the United States?
- 2. Has the Commission proposed to the United States that all EU professionals should be included into the Mobility Package, not only those from Member States already participating in the Visa Waiver Program?
- 3. If so, what is the position of the United States on this issue?

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