

**Question for written answer P-011092/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: China's market economy status (MES)

The Protocol on the Accession of China to the WTO contains a provision, under which China would stop being considered a non-market economy in December 2016.

Answering China's request to be considered as a market economy before 2016, the Commission produced a report in 2011 which concluded that China had only fulfilled one of the five criteria required by the EU to gain MES status.

Has the Commission worked since then on any other report that proves the contrary?

While there have been statements by the Commission's legal services suggesting that 'it would be unwise not to grant market-economy treatment to China', Commissioner Cecilia Malmström has also stated recently that there will be no automaticity and that the UE will need to make a formal decision and table a law. Hence, the question remains unclear.

What is the exact procedure with regard to China obtaining the market economy state status?

What role will Parliament play in that decision?