

Question for written answer P-016116/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - consequences of the Court decision of 10 December 2015 to annul Council Decision 2012/497/EU on the conclusion of an agreement between the EU and Morocco

At a time the EU and Morocco have been establishing closer ties, in particular by means of negotiations on a deep and comprehensive free-trade agreement, the Court of Justice decided on Thursday, 10 December 2015 to annul Council Decision 2012/497/EU on the conclusion of an agreement between the EU and Morocco concerning reciprocal liberalisation measures on agricultural products, processed agricultural products, fish and fishery products.

The Council of Ministers decided on Monday, 14 December 2015 to lodge an appeal against the Court's decision. The Council also asked for provisional measures to be taken in the form of a suspension of the execution of the annulment in order to ensure that the agreement continues to apply in full until the Court of Justice delivers its final decision.

1. What guarantees can the VP/HR give Morocco that it will not be adversely affected by the annulment of Council Decision 2012/497/EU?
2. What steps will the VP/HR take if the Court of Justice dismisses the Council's appeal and upholds its decision of 10 December 2015?