

**Question for written answer P-002041/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Viviane Reding (PPE)

Subject: China's market economy status

In the public consultation launched on 10 February 2016 on future measures to prevent dumped imports from China, the Commission reaffirms that it is currently considering three options to follow up on the expiry of the relevant provisions of section 15 of China's accession protocol to the World Trade Organisation (WTO), namely:

- leaving the EU anti-dumping regulation unchanged;
 - granting market economy status (MES hereafter) to China with no additional measures; or
 - granting MES to China as part of a package with additional measures.
1. Why is a fourth option which would involve not granting MES to China but reinforcing our trade defence instruments simply not on the Commission's table?
 2. How does the Commission plan to address the following concerns raised by stakeholders: closed questions prevent any comments, proposed options such as flanking measures are not defined, and several avenues for reform such as the use of alternative methods not based on Chinese prices are not part of the consultation?