

**Question for written answer P-003976/2016  
to the Council**

Rule 130

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Subject: Proposed methods of protecting the rule of law in EU institutions and Member States and their compliance with the Treaties

The Treaties do not provide for any methods of assessment or control of Member States as regards violation of EU values referred to in Article 7 of the TEU other than those set out in Article 2 of the TEU. However, proposals were made during the public debate, for instance draft report 2015/2254(INI), to conclude an EU pact for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights by way of an interinstitutional agreement. However, Article 295 of the TFEU makes it clear that agreements of this type can only relate to cooperation between the Commission, the Council and Parliament, and not to assessing Member States.

Does the Council intend to define its position on this matter so that any methods of protecting the rule of law adopted in the future in the EU institutions and Member States remain in compliance with the Treaties?