

**Question for written answer P-008357/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Ratification by the Member States of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change

During the week of 7 November 2016, the Marrakech Climate Change Conference (COP 22) is to begin. The EU, which has ratified the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, will be attending the summit. It is striking, however, that only 10 of the 28 Member States have so far ratified the agreement on an individual basis. In the case of Spain, which is responsible for 0.87% of global emissions, it is worrying that the government has not yet referred the agreement to parliament for ratification, even though the fact that the country has had an interim government for the past 11 months was no barrier to doing so. Spain is one example, but there are another 17 countries which, in their failure to ratify, are undermining the campaign against global warming to which the EU as a whole has recently given its backing.

Does the Commission take the view that this lack of backing on the part of EU countries that have yet to ratify the Paris Agreement could result in a loss of credibility and influence for the EU as a signatory when it comes to developing action in the future?

Is the Commission going to draw up a roadmap to with a view to ensuring that all 28 Member States take urgent action to back the agreement that MEPs from those very same countries have already ratified?