

**Question for written answer P-008761/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Inappropriate statements by President Juncker

According to some press sources, the Commission President, Jean-Claude Juncker, speaking at a conference in Luxembourg, commented on the election of the new US President, Donald Trump, in the following terms: 'I think we will waste two years before Mr Trump tours the world he does not know'. He went further a few days later by speaking of the dangers likely to be posed to Europe by the policies that the US and the new Administration would be pursuing over the next few years.

Bearing in mind that the EU has always had good relations with America and the Commission will have to deal with the US Administration in the years ahead:

- Does the Commission President intend to keep relations with the US on a sound footing of cooperation?
- Does he not think that he should explain the views which he has expressed, given the need to safeguard to good relations between the United States and the EU, whatever political beliefs either side might profess?