

**Question for written answer E-001858/2012
to the Commission**

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Subject: Gauging opinion on ACTA negotiations

The person responsible for carrying out work relating to the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) was Commissioner Karel De Gucht, who is responsible for international trade. There is concern that ACTA, besides affecting international trade, may have a negative impact on respect for human rights in their broadest sense. Internet users in Poland are concerned that their right to freedom of thought and expression, as well as their freedom to express their views over the Internet, will be violated after the introduction of the treaty.

- Why have no consultations been held regarding ACTA with the Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship?
- Will the Commission forward ACTA to Commissioner Viviane Reding for consultation and analysis with regard to the violation of the right to freedom of expression over the Internet and of wider civil rights? If so, when would this occur?