

**Question for written answer E-006929/2012
to the Commission**

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Subject: World Conference on International Telecommunications: review of the International Telecommunications Regulations (ITRs)

The 193 member countries of the ITU (International Telecommunication Union) will be holding a world conference in Dubai in December in order to review the current regulations (ITRs) constituting the binding global framework for telecommunications and hence the Internet. Renegotiation of the treaty could be a golden opportunity for governments to impose total control of the Net by transferring governance to the United Nations, which would then be able to determine how electronic communications would be transmitted on the new-generation networks and what data could or could not be sent over the Web: this would have far-reaching implications for users.

What is the state of play regarding the negotiations and coordination with the Member States?

Has the Commission brought the conference to the attention of the Council?

What is the EU position, and is there a European consensus?

Will the Commission be sending a high-level representative to the conference?