

**Question for written answer E-007628/2012
to the Council
Rule 117
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Subject: ITU World Conference on International Telecommunications

The International Telecommunication Union is planning to revise its International Telecommunication Regulations, a 1988 treaty, at its World Conference in December in Dubai. Some Member States are seeking to assert regulatory authority over the internet through the ITU and might use any such authority to adopt policies harmful to the development of the internet and to consumers.

As each European government will be present and will vote at the conference in December in Dubai:

1. Is the EU Presidency working on a coordinated EU approach on this and will Europe be speaking with one voice?
2. Can the Council explain its position with respect to the WCIT preparatory process and the proposals being presented?
3. Can the Council explain whether and how it is coordinating the positions of the EU Member States?
4. Does the Council share the view that the ITU is not the right place to regulate, given its lack of transparency and the fact that it includes multi-stakeholder voices?