

**Question for written answer E-010327/2012
to the Commission**

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Subject: Follow-up to ACTA - an ACTA version 2.0

As we know, at its part-session in July this year the European Parliament voted on ACTA, the controversial and politically suspect international IPR agreement, and rejected it by a majority. We are now awaiting the ruling by the EU Court of Justice on whether ACTA is compatible with the EU treaties (expected in Spring 2014).

Since the rejection of ACTA, the media attention surrounding the agreement has fallen off significantly, and at the end of August / beginning of September 2012 Japan became the first country to ratify it without eliciting any comment or debate in the press.

With regard to the future of ACTA, there has been some expectation that the Commission, looking forward, will devise an alternative or modified draft for an international enforcement agreement – a kind of ACTA 2.0 – which could come before Parliament for another vote.

Does the Commission, however, consider that a scenario in which negotiations on the text of the agreement are reopened is at all likely now that the ratification process is under way (e.g. a renegotiation with the most controversial items taken out)?

The same question applies to the possibility of an entirely new, alternative solution – an ACTA 2.0. Does the Commission consider that an entirely new, alternative solution and text of the agreement is realistic now that the ratification process is under way?