

**Question for written answer E-005866/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Tax agreement between Greece and Switzerland

For four years, the Greek Government has been endeavouring to conclude a bilateral tax agreement with Switzerland along the lines of similar agreements concluded by Germany and the United Kingdom. According to press reports, the bilateral agreement is intended to ensure the taxation of Greek deposits in Swiss banks, while maintaining banking secrecy.

In the light of the review of Council Directive 2014/48/EU on the taxation of savings income and the EU-Switzerland tax agreements to be concluded at the end of 2014:

1. Is the Commission satisfied with progress achieved in the negotiations between Greece and Switzerland on the taxation of Greek deposits? Does it believe that the specific agreement template complies with EU law?
2. Does it have any information regarding implementation to date of the directive on taxation of savings income and, more particularly, the amounts transferred back from Switzerland to each of the Member States?