Question for written answer E-001453/2018 to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Accession of the European Union to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Article 6 TEU stipulates that ‘The Union shall accede to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms’ (ECHR). On the basis of this article and the negotiating mandate of the Council of 4 June 2010, the Commission co-authored a draft Agreement which was then submitted to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), pursuant to Article 218 TFEU.

On 18 December 2014, the CJEU delivered a negative opinion on the accession of the European Union to the ECHR, stopping the process initiated by the Commission dead in its tracks.

Even though, in practice, the CJEU and national courts can already interpret European law in the light of the text of the ECHR, the accession of the European Union to the Convention would be a strong symbol.

1. Does the Commission intend to restart the accession process so that it complies with Article 6 TEU?

2. If so, how does the Commission intend to amend the draft agreement so that it complies with Opinion 2/13 of the CJEU?