

Question for written answer E-002705/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Anti-trust case - Bulgarian Energy Holdings (BEH)

The European Commission has on previous occasions stressed the importance of resolving competition cases expeditiously.

A major anti-trust case (AT 39849) - the Bulgarian Energy Holdings or 'BEH gas' case - has been dragging on for almost five years. The statement of objections in this case was issued three years ago.

1. Why has the Commission delayed concluding this case?
2. Has the Bulgarian Parliament's decision of November 2017 not to recognise the Commission's position played a part in the delay?
3. What is the Commission's reaction to that action by a national parliament?