

Question for written answer E-003666/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Commission staff working document on identifying high-risk third countries

On 22 June 2018 the Commission presented its working document on identifying high-risk third countries. Using a list, it intends to examine countries whose financial systems are considered highly likely to be misused for money laundering and terrorism financing. Back in July 2017 it unveiled a strategic plan for drawing up such a list and announced that it would be revising the methods. The gap between these two publications, then, is just short of a year.

1. Why has the Commission taken so long to publish its working document?
2. Is the Commission willing to publish written opinions, agreements, and undertakings received from listed countries, or would it be prepared to make such documents available to Parliament?
3. Will a similar list-based procedure be introduced for Member States?