

**Question for oral answer O-000056/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Tobacco agreements

The EU and its Member States have signed cooperation agreements with four tobacco companies: Philip Morris International (PMI), Japan Tobacco International (JTI), Imperial Tobacco Limited (ITL) and British American Tobacco (BAT).

The agreement with PMI is due to expire in July 2016, requiring the Parties to meet soon to explore whether it should be prolonged.

1. When will the Commission provide Parliament with the assessments it asked for on 3 April 2014¹? What are the main results that have been achieved under the current agreements with the tobacco manufacturers? What setbacks have there been?
2. What is the Commission's position with regard to the added value of renewing the current agreements?
3. What is the state of play of the negotiations? What schedule is envisaged? When and how will Parliament be informed?
4. What financial implications have the agreements had for the Union and its Member States, including in terms of fines levied over the period in which the agreements have been in force?
5. What does the Commission propose with regard to the purpose and distribution of the financial benefits of any future agreement?

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¹ Resolution of 3 April 2014 on the Annual Report 2012 on the protection of the EU's financial interests – Fight against fraud (Texts adopted, P7_TA(2014)0338), and decision of 3 April 2014 on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, Section III – Commission and executive agencies (Texts adopted, P7_TA(2014)0287).