

**Question for written answer P-010089/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Accession of the EU to the European Convention on Human Rights

1. Three years on from the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, is the Commission satisfied at the present state of progress of the negotiations with the Council on the drafting of the internal rules which will apply once the EU has acceded to the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)?
2. Will the list of the EU's three nominations for the appointment of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) be drawn up in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 255 TFEU for the appointment of judges to the European Court of Justice?
3. What will be the role of the Commission in the process of judicial appointments?
4. Given that the Commission (or in the case of foreign policy, the High Representative) will represent the Union before the ECtHR, who will decide whether the Union becomes a co-respondent to proceedings in respect of a violation of Union law?
5. What decision-making procedure will be used in Council for reaching opinions as and when the Council is consulted by the Commission on proceedings before the ECtHR?
6. Is the Commission aware of the need to consult also with Parliament before making submissions to the ECtHR on matters concerning a provision of Union law or an international agreement to which Parliament has given its consent in accordance with Article 218 TFEU?
7. How will the rules ensure consistency in ECtHR proceedings between the submissions of the Commission and of a Member State where the Union is a co-respondent or where Member States collectively are co-respondents in a case concerning the possible violation of Union law?
8. Will the Commission remind the Council that Parliament needs to give its consent to the agreement on the accession of the EU to the ECHR?