

**Question for written answer P-008279/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Turkey and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)

With regard to the negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the EU and the US, Turkey has stated its interest in joining the agreement, despite not being a full member of the EU. Furthermore, the Commission is reminded that Turkey has failed to comply with previous trade agreements, such as the Customs Union Agreement with the EU, whereby Turkey has refused to implement the requirements of beginning to normalise relations with the Republic of Cyprus and opening its ports and airports to Cyprus.

In light of the above, and given the fact that Turkey regularly violates the principle of fairness and equity in international trade relations, could the Commission indicate its position concerning Turkey's aspirations for preferential treatment under the TTIP?