Question for written answer P-002168/2014 to the Council Rule 117 Francesco Enrico Speroni (EFD)

Subject: Resentment of European Union leaders at the outcome of a referendum in Switzerland

Swiss voters have amended their Constitution by popular vote, thereby laying the foundations for a renegotiation of the Agreement with the EU on the free movement of persons which has not, however, been suspended or terminated under Article 25(3) thereof.

Given that the outcome of the referendum will not have any immediate consequences, why has the Union decided forthwith to suspend or terminate negotiations with the Swiss Confederation that were already under way?