

**Priority question for written answer P-005004/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) and transparency

The Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) is currently being renegotiated with a view to 'updating' it. However, it is very difficult for members of parliament and civil society to assess progress made, given the lack of information available. More generally, the uncertainty surrounding procedures for the settlement of disputes between investors and the State is a matter of great concern.

1. How does the Commission intend to remedy the lack of transparency surrounding the ECT negotiations?
2. Could the Commission provide an exhaustive list of cases arising in this connection since the entry into force of the treaty, specifying: those that have been concluded or are still ongoing; those involving EU investors and Member States; details of indemnities already paid by governments and possible settlement of outstanding claims; cases closed following an end to actions prompting the complaint or the conclusion of an agreement, or the chief instances in which threatened claims were settled prior to their submission?
3. Has an assessment been made of the potential cost of litigation that could be triggered by the implementation of EU climate legislation?