

**Priority question for written answer P-000583/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States

A new agreement has been negotiated between the European Union and the members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS). Can the Commission clarify:

1. to what extent the agreement supersedes other agreements, present or future, between any of the countries within the EU and any of the OACPS countries;
2. whether in the absence of any restrictions on reservations, State Parties can make interpretative declarations or reservations;
3. what happens when OACPS countries strongly disagree, for example, on sensitive family, life and sexuality issues: will they still be required 'to adopt common positions' with the EU in international forums? The agreement obliges the State Parties to 'strive to adopt common positions' and take joint actions in the context of international forums.