

**Question for written answer E-008745/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Modernising the Mexico-EU association agreement

Fifteen years after it entered into force, the EU-Mexico free trade agreement, although it has been satisfactorily implemented, does not address certain important trade and investment issues which are relevant today.

In that context, last year the EU decided to modernise the agreement in order to strengthen our bilateral framework and enhance our strategic association.

In June this year, an important step was marked with the opening of negotiations.

In the light of recent significant changes in the international situation, we believe it is necessary to give a new political impetus and to achieve as rapidly as possible the objective of developing an updated framework with tangible benefits for the 625 million Mexicans and Europeans.

1. Does the Commission agree that now is the time to give a new political impetus and to make rapid progress with the negotiations?
2. When does the Commission expect to finalise the modernisation of the agreement?
3. Have the dates been set for the next rounds of negotiations?