

**Question for written answer E-014512/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Anne-Marie Mineur (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Lobbying of Cañete and Šefčovič

Research¹ by the Corporate Europe Observatory indicates that Commissioners Cañete and Šefčovič have spoken to lobbyists from industry nearly four times as frequently as with anyone else. The most prominent dialogue partner is Cefic, which lobbies on behalf of such companies as Shell and Exxon Mobile and argues that 'the EU should not take any unilateral measures'². They also oppose binding regulation in the field of climate³. This is contrary to the views expressed by COP21 Chair Laurent Fabius when he visited the European Parliament⁴.

1. Can the Commission indicate how this particular emphasis on fossil fuel companies can be reconciled with the views and strategy of the Commission and the European Parliament?

On 14 October 2015, the European Parliament adopted the resolution⁵, 'Towards a new international climate agreement in Paris', which pointed out that 'lobby activities before and during the COP 21 negotiations can have influence on the outcomes of the negotiations; stresses therefore (...) that the Conference should allow equitable access to all relevant stakeholders' (Paragraph 84, which incorporated an oral amendment by Anne-Marie Mineur).

2. Will the Commission take as a guideline the call for equitable access to be allowed to all relevant stakeholders?

¹ <http://corporateeurope.org/environment/2015/11/cooking-planet>

² <http://www.oneworld.nl/groen/klimaattop-parijs-lobby-draait-overuren>

³ http://influencemap.org/site/data/000/089/InfluenceMap_Oil_Sector_October_2015.pdf

⁴ <http://audiovisual.europarl.europa.eu/Assetdetail.aspx?id=f5392cb8-cb1d-4215-b375-a54000f73d5e>

⁵ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2015-0359+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>