

**Question for written answer E-015946/2015**  
**to the Council**  
Rule 130  
**Esteban González Pons (PPE)**

Subject: EU accession to the Marrakesh Treaty

With the aim of facilitating access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) developed the Marrakesh Treaty, which was adopted on 27 June 2013. On 29 May 2015, the Council of Ministers of the Spanish Government agreed that Spain would ratify the Treaty, making it the only EU Member State to have taken steps in that direction.

Bearing in mind the major progress that the EU's ratification of the Treaty would represent (since only 11 countries have ratified it so far, none of them part of the EU) in terms of facilitating reading for visually impaired persons,

Is the Council planning to propose the EU's accession to this Treaty?