

**Question for written answer E-015385/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Ruža Tomašić (ECR)**

Subject: Member States' sovereign right to declare an exclusive economic zone

Further to the reply to the question for written answer on Croatia's right to declare an exclusive economic zone in the Adriatic Sea (P-010385/2013), which I officially tabled in Parliament on 16 September 2013, and given that the Commission's answer confirmed beyond doubt that Croatia has a sovereign right to declare such a zone in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS):

1. What is the current state of play regarding the recommendations which the Commission, keeping a close watch as it does on developments in the Mediterranean with regard to the establishment of exclusive economic zones, began to draft in 2013?
2. Will the Commission use the above-mentioned political initiative to encourage those Member States – Croatia being one – which have yet to declare an exclusive economic zone to exercise their sovereign right to do so, thereby ensuring that, as provided for in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, they will come, in a more active way and to a fuller extent, to enjoy the advantages of sustainable exploitation of their marine resources?