

**Question for written answer E-014997/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: 90% growth outside the Euro zone

On 12 November 2015 in the Committee on International Trade, Commissioner Malmström adduced as an argument in favour of free trade the fact that 90% of future growth would come from outside Europe.

1. On what calculation is this figure based? Can the Commission make the underlying data available?
2. Forecasts suggest that growth will be weak in the Euro zone as compared with the situation in the States outside it. What steps will the Commission take to prevent a low level of economic growth from prevailing because of inflexible monetary policies?
3. What view does the Commission take of the proposal by the GUE/NGL Group that transitional financial aid should be granted to countries which are suffering from unemployment and stagnation because from their point of view the euro is overvalued and which therefore wish to leave the Euro zone?