

**Question for written answer E-008045/2014
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Support of authoritarian regimes in the Spanish State

The Spanish State has been marked by its failure to take action as regards the persistent display of fascist and authoritarian symbols, and as regards threats to left-wing or pro-independence groups.

On 9 October, during several public events in the city of Valencia, extreme right-wing activists displayed Francoist, fascist and Nazi symbols and made threats against the president of the Generalitat de Catalunya, chanting 'Artur Mas, cámara de gas' (Artur Mas for the gas chamber).

On 12 October, preconstitutional and fascist symbols were also displayed during a demonstration organised in Barcelona by the group La España en Marcha. There were also threats to shoot Artur Mas and Oriol Junqueras.

Lastly, on 15 October, the former spokesman for the government of José María Aznar, Miguel Ángel Rodríguez, said in a television programme that 'Artur Mas deserves to be shot'.

1. What is the Commission's opinion of these events?
2. Will the Commission be continuing its work to raise awareness to combat radicalisation?
3. Will the Commission be calling on the Spanish Government to comply with Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law?