

**Question for written answer E-009813/2014/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Greenpeace action and Spanish navy's response

The Greenpeace vessel Arctic Sunrise was intercepted on Saturday, 15 November 2014 when it was preparing to monitor oil exploration in waters off the Canary Islands. This manoeuvre was carried out on the initiative of the Spanish navy, which intercepted the route taken by the environmental organisation's ship with its vessel Relámpago. An activist on board the Greenpeace ship was injured in the operation.

A growing percentage of the Canary Islands population has been demanding a referendum to decide whether or not the government should authorise oil exploration off the coast. In the end, the government decided to authorise the vessel Rowan Renaissance to go ahead with the exploration.

1. What steps will the Commission take in view of the need for transparency in relation to economic activities that could pollute the environment?
2. Does the Commission believe that projects geared to the exploitation of this and other sources of energy, such as fracking, should fulfil the requirements as regards transparency and provision of public information before they are implemented?