Question for written answer E-010140/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Honours to senior members of the Argentine dictatorship

According to information published in Spanish press releases, between March 1976 and December 1983 the Spanish Government granted up to 56 honours to members of the Argentine Military Juntas, who were responsible for the abduction, torture and assassination of at least 30 000 political dissidents.

Among them were the dictator Jorge Rafael Videla, Admiral Emilio Eduardo Massera and Ex-General Reynaldo Bignone, who were not stripped of their honours in spite of having been found guilty. On the contrary, these honours continue to be recognised.

Taking into account that these honours were granted during the Argentine dictatorship, and the fact that it was therefore impossible that Spain, through its embassy in Argentina, was not aware of the cruel and bloody repression which was happening in that country, does the Commission believe that retaining these honours constitutes an action in breach of the provisions of Framework Decision 2008/913/JAI?

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