

**Question for written answer E-002160/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Gibraltar civil aviation measures

The Government of Spain entered into an agreement with the governments of the United Kingdom and Gibraltar in 2006 under which they committed not to seeking the exclusion of Gibraltar Airport from EU civil aviation measures. In 2011 the current Spanish Government decided to dishonour what had previously been agreed and broke the agreement by once again seeking the exclusion of Gibraltar Airport from a number of measures. Gibraltar is a part of the European Union and its people are EU citizens. Spain is seeking the exclusion of Gibraltar Airport from EU air passenger rights legislation.

Does the Commission accept that this would create a discriminatory regime by which EU citizens flying through Gibraltar Airport would enjoy fewer rights, fewer benefits and less protection than those travelling through other airports in the European Union?

Is this discriminatory proposal to exclude Gibraltar Airport and reduce the rights of air passengers travelling to and from Gibraltar Airport not against everything that Europe stands for?