

**Question for written answer E-002792/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Commemoration of authoritarian and Fascist regimes

On 10 February 2015, an event was held Madrid at which tribute was paid to Blue Division volunteers who fought alongside the Nazi forces in the Battle of Leningrad during the Second World War. A number of media reports have also appeared concerning a letter sent to the organisers from Juan Antonio Martínez-Cattáneo, the Spanish Consul in St Petersburg, on the occasion of the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Krasny Bor, which was read out loud in the presence of relatives of Blue Division combatants and those sympathetic to the former dictatorship.

The European Union has made known its own position under Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia. The Radicalisation Awareness Network is a further related initiative.

In view of this:

- Does the Commission consider that Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA is being properly implemented by the Spanish Government in practice?
- What measures will the Commission take to encourage the adoption of an agenda against radicalisation, authoritarianism and fascism in the Member States?
- Does the Commission consider this tribute to the Blue Division to be in accordance with the democratic criteria that we are called upon recognise and uphold in European democracies?