Question for written answer E-003685/2015/rev.1 to the Commission Rule 130 Miguel Viegas (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Bosch is refusing to meet with a Member of the European Parliament

The Bosch Group, one of the world's largest manufacturing companies, operates in various fields, namely vehicle technology, industrial technology, construction technologies and the manufacture of consumer goods.

There are reports that Bosch Car Multimedia, a company located in Braga, is flagrantly and repeatedly violating workers' rights, in particular by imposing irregular working hours and precarious employment arrangements, in breach of EU and ILO rules.

Despite having received many millions of euros in EU funding over the past few decades (European Social Fund, ERDF through the COMPETE programme, etc.), the company has refused to agree to the meeting I proposed as a Member of the PCP Party in the European Parliament. It also refused my request to meet trade unionists on company premises, and the meeting therefore had to be held immediately in front of the premises.

Has the Commission been monitoring how Bosch is using the Community funds it has received, and whether it has been observing EU legislation on working conditions and employee information and consultation?