Question for written answer E-004103/2015 to the Commission Rule 130

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Subject: Gibraltar on an international black list of tax havens

Ed Miliband, the leader of the opposition Labour Party in the UK, has recently sent a letter to the various 'governments' of the British Overseas Territories - including Gibraltar - and the Crown Dependencies, in which he warns that, if the Labour Party comes to govern, it will take steps to have all these territories included on an international 'black list' of tax havens, unless they adopt clear and forceful measures within six months to combat fraud and tax evasion and in favour of transparency. In declarations to the press the so-called Chief Minister of Gibraltar has rejected the description of Gibraltar as a tax haven and has made public a letter in reply to Ed Miliband, in which he explains in detail the policy of the Gibraltar 'government' in financial matters and points out that Gibraltar has entered into 132 agreements for the exchange of tax information with 75 countries across the world.

Does the Commission consider, along with Ed Miliband, that Gibraltar should be included on an international 'black list' of tax havens unless it adopts clear and forceful measures within six months to combat fraud and tax evasion and in favour of transparency?

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