Question for written answer E-004227/2015 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL)

Subject: VP/HR - Espionage promoted by the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

According to available information, the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia appears to have been spying on at least 20 000 individuals, including social and political figures in the country, among them government ministers and opposition leaders. This information suggests that the plot has been organised by the Prime Minister, Nikola Gruevski.

The opposition leader, Zoran Zaev, who exposed the scandal, is being prosecuted for supposedly 'subverting the constitutional order'.

Does the High Representative not consider that this situation merits the activation of the democratic clause in the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the EU and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia?

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