

**Question for written answer E-005012/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Rights and liberties in Spain

The United Nations has recently expressed its concern about legislation passed by the Spanish Government. In particular, a group of UN special rapporteurs has called on Spain not to proceed with its proposed law on public security and reform of the Criminal Code, as they 'threaten to violate fundamental rights and liberties of individuals' and 'undermine rights of expression and demonstration' in the country. The Council of Europe has also issued a warning to Spain about how disproportionate the law on public security is.

Unfortunately, last week the parliamentary majority supporting the government passed both laws on its own. The first law imposes serious restrictions on freedom of expression, assembly and demonstration, while the second violates the principle enshrined in the Spanish Constitution concerning the goal of 'rehabilitation and social reintegration' for prisoners.

Is the Commission aware of the findings of the group of UN rapporteurs?

How could the Commission address the concerns within the new EU framework to strengthen the Rule of Law?