

**Question for written answer E-005564/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Civil aviation

Gibraltar airport is located on land (the isthmus) that is illegally occupied by the United Kingdom. The CJEU itself (judgement 298/89 of 29 June 1993) acknowledged that sovereignty over this land is disputed between two Member States (Spain and the United Kingdom).

In view of the fact that this is an affair of state that concerns sovereignty and territorial integrity, our two Member States should find a solution that is mutually acceptable. The EU should remain neutral in this dispute, and this would therefore extend to not applying the European civil aviation rules to Gibraltar airport.

On 3 December 2014 the Council of Transport Ministers, as part of the SES II+ Regulation, took a position on the civil aviation dispute by temporarily suspending the application of the rules to Gibraltar airport until such time as Spain and the UK have reached an agreement on which authorities are competent in this case and on other applying mechanisms.

Does the Commission believe the UK should be able to use this bilateral dispute as a way of obtaining EU support for its positions and thus block the entire EU civil aviation framework, with the serious consequences that that implies?