Question for written answer E-006091/2015 to the Commission Rule 130

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Subject: Legal guarantees in the Member States

The resolution passed in the last Strasbourg plenary session on the 2014 report on progress made by Serbia¹ stated as follows:

[The European Parliament] underlines that significant efforts are needed to enhance and fully enforce the legal framework for the fight against corruption, and to back reforms with appropriate resources; stresses that leaks to the media about ongoing investigations, in breach of the presumption of innocence, are an issue of serious concern and should be investigated, processed and eliminated in line with the law; condemns also the pressure exerted by media or political parties on independent anti-corruption bodies, and in this regard considers that the powers of and resources for the Anti-Corruption Agency should be strengthened.'

- Does the Commission share the European Parliament's opinion?
- What view does the Commission take on the leaks of this sort, which occur in the Member States and, as the resolution says, breach the presumption of innocence?
- What measures can the Commission take to prevent the expansion of such practices within the EU?

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