

**Question for written answer E-007507/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Employment instability for forest firefighters in Spain

The Spanish National Association of Forest Firefighters (ANBF) intends to march on Brussels to raise awareness among the national administrative authorities with regard to their unstable employment situation. The ANBF is seeking professional recognition, an improvement in the training its members receive and a change to the Spanish management model relating to forest fires and the policies on their prevention.

Since the 1970s, the forest firefighting profession has had a scandalous accident rate of 8 people per campaign.

Does the Commission feel that Spain is, therefore, in violation of European legislation concerning the forest sector?

Was the Commission aware of this situation in Spain?