

**Question for written answer E-007917/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Corruption in Spanish arms trade

Cases of corruption have recently come to light in the public corporation DEFEX, under suspicion that the National Intelligence Centre (NIC) was aware that the commercial activity of arms dealing was taking place in countries where human rights are not respected.

The lack of transparency and control over arms sales to countries such as Angola, South Sudan or Saudi Arabia highlights the infringement of the EU Code of Conduct on Arms Exports and the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, Articles 6 and 7 of which lay down the conditions for the exchange of military material.

Is the Vice-President/High Representative aware that both the EU Code of Conduct and the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty are being infringed?

If the suspicion that the NIC was aware of such activity were true, would the Vice-President/High Representative consider asking the Member State for explanations?

What measures is the Vice-President/High Representative planning to adopt to end the transfer of weapons to countries which do not respect human rights?