

**Question for written answer E-007958/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Refusal of extradition requests

Under the principle of universal justice, a case has been brought before Federal Criminal and Correctional Court No 1 of Buenos Aires by victims of the Franco regime.

On 30 October 2014, that Court issued an order calling on Spain to extradite 20 people accused of crimes against humanity perpetrated during the Franco dictatorship.

The Spanish Government's Council of Ministers has refused the extraditions requested by the Argentinian judicial authorities on the basis of an agreement of 13 March 2015, which is in breach of international human rights law – as confirmed by United Nations human rights experts – of Article 47, among others, of the European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights, and of Articles 6, 7(2) and 13 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Will the Commission urge the Spanish Government to overturn its refusal of these extraditions or, if not, can the Commission say how it wishes to strengthen efforts to combat impunity for crimes against international law in EU Member States?