

**Question for written answer E-008007/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Germany spies for the NSA

According to the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* of Thursday, 30 April 2015, German intelligence agencies have been spying on high-ranking French Government and European Commission officials on behalf of the NSA.

Spying on neighbouring countries and European institutions for political purposes seems to have become the norm in Europe.

1. Can the Commission impose penalties on a Member State which has been shown to have engaged in political espionage?
2. Should measures not be taken to force Member States to stop spying on one another?
3. Does the Commission see the drafting of a European Code of Conduct for intelligence services or the setting-up of an independent European authority to monitor their activities as realistic possibilities?