

**Question for written answer E-009570/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Spying on Belgacom

In 2011 the British intelligence services (GCHQ) carried out an attack on the IT systems of Belgacom and its subsidiary BICS, which manages international telephone calls. The British intelligence services were thus able to intercept telephone communications between Belgacom's private clients, NATO and the EU.

1. What is the Commission's view of this matter?
2. Could the United Kingdom be liable to face sanctions?