## Question for written answer E-013981/2015 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Patrick Le Hyaric (GUE/NGL)

Subject: VP/HR - Compatibility of subsidies for dual-use technologies with the July 2013 guidelines

In a reply to addressed to 73 MEPs, the Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Carlos Moedas, confirmed that checks to the compatibility of grants with the July 2013 guidelines were carried out on a project-by-project – rather than entity-by-entity – basis. The access of Elbit Systems, a company operating in the occupied territories, to EU funding was the root cause of the problem.

However, the receipt of financial aid for a given project benefits a company in its entirety. Similarly, know-how and experience obtained in civilian projects may be put to use in work for the military. Particular attention therefore needs to be paid to funding granted to companies operating in both sectors.

Elbit Systems is a partner of the EU's FLYSEC airport security project. It has received funding to the tune of EUR 4 million for its contribution to the deployment of video surveillance, smart image processing and biometrics technologies, all of which have applications associated with the occupation of Palestinian territories.

Does the Commission believe its approach of considering each project in isolation to be in line with the spirit of the July 2013 guidelines?