

**Question for written answer E-002867/2016
to the Council**

Rule 130

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Subject: Application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights and treaty strengthening

All EU institutions are required to apply the Charter of Fundamental Rights (CFR). Furthermore, the Charter must only be applied in relation to European law and in compliance with the principle of subsidiarity. Recently, many initiatives have proposed action to safeguard the rule of law over and above what is mandated in the treaties. It would be appropriate, therefore, for the Council to provide an annual opinion on the application of the CFR.

Is the Council prepared to consider drawing up its own report, or an official annual opinion on the Commission report?

What measures will the Council take to prevent an expansion of the EU institutions' activities under the pretext of applying the CFR?