

**Question for written answer E-005161/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Possible breach of the legal principles of the community right to legitimate expectation and legal certainty

On 21 June 2016, Parliament's Committee on Petitions was asked for assistance by a number of Spanish petitioners who own photovoltaic electricity generation facilities, many of them private, and believe that the legal principles of the right to legitimate expectation and legal certainty in the community have been breached, as they have been hit with up to 10 retroactive punitive measures which have halved their earnings, putting them at a clear risk of financial failure. They also criticised the fact that, in its previous report to the Committee on Petitions, the Commission did not mention any assessment of the breach of the above-mentioned principles or of measures taken before 2013.

What measures will the Commission take to assess the repeated retroactive action taken by Spain against photovoltaic energy producers, which appears to be in breach of the most basic principles of regulatory security and stability?