

**Question for written answer E-006999/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Sorin Moisă (S&D)**

Subject: Statement of Arnaud Montebourg on SNCF procurement policy

On 16 September 2016, *Le Monde* published the article 'Arnaud Montebourg **au pas de la tortue**' in which they quote the following statement by the former French Minister of the Economy, Industrial Renewal and Information Technology. 'Lorsque j' étais ministre, j'avais forcé la SNCF à passer des commandes à Alstom et obtenu l'entrée de l'Etat à son capital [...]'<sup>1</sup>.

Taking into account that the SNCF (Société nationale des chemins de fer français) is a public undertaking with an industrial and commercial character, organised by law and owned and controlled by the State, does the Commission consider that the measures taken by the French Ministry of Economy, Industrial Renewal and Information Technology, as described in the above-mentioned statement of the former Minister, are consistent with EU law, and in particular with EU legislation on public procurement and with the international trade commitments undertaken by the EU in the plurilateral Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA)?

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<sup>1</sup> 'When I was Minister, I forced the SNCF to place orders with Alstom and I obtained access to the capital for the State [...].'