Question for written answer E-007619/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 María Teresa Giménez Barbat (ALDE)

Subject: Archive of terrorist victims in danger of being lost

The most comprehensive archive of Catalan victims of terrorist organisations – such as ETA, Terra Lliure and Grapo, ultraright groups such as Milicia Catalana and the Moviment Patriotic Catalá – and even victims of the 2015 Jihadist attack in Tunisia, is in danger of being lost as a result of poor storage conditions. The cost of storing the archive is borne by Acvot, an association funded exclusively by sporadic donations from a number of its partners, from whom the Catalan Government has withdrawn annual subsidies used to pay the victims' lawyers and provide psychological support.

This state of affairs could result in the loss of an extremely important portion of historical heritage, and more than 285 victims of Spanish terrorism could fall into anonymity.

- 1. Is the Commission aware of this situation?
- 2. Are there any European Structural Funds intended to fund the preservation of terrorist victim archives?
- 3. Given that one of the EU's functions is to support and supplement activities carried out in the Member States to protect and promote European cultural heritage (Article 3 TEU and 167 TFEU), what measures will the Commission take to prevent the loss of the archive?

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