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to the Commission**

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Subject: The EU Transparency Register and the ANC - Article 4(2) TEU breached by the ANC's objectives

The 'Asamblea Nacional Catalana' [Catalan national assembly] (ANC) registered as an organisation on 26 October 2016.

The ANC's goal is the secession of a section of the territory of two Member States, which contravenes the EU Treaties and, in particular, the obligation in Article 4(2) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) to respect '[Member States]' essential State functions, including ensuring the territorial integrity of the State'.

That an association can be recognised and entered on the Register even though it promotes illegal objectives that are contrary to the EU's principles is a serious matter. This gives it the appearance of being a legitimate contact point for the Commission and the European Parliament, a status that brings with it a set of privileged rights concerning access to the institutions and constitutes interference by the EU in the configuration of the legal territory of its Members.

Does the Commission believe that the ANC is in breach of the Code of Conduct and in particular, point (f) thereof, in that it promotes objectives that are contrary to the EU Treaties? If so, will it cancel the ANC's entry in the Register?

What will the Commission do to prevent associations that promote objectives that are illegal in one of the Member States, and that are contrary to EU principles, from being entered on the Register?