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Subject: Spanish Minister of Home Affairs involved in a conspiracy scandal

The current Spanish Minister of Home Affairs and governing People's Party candidate running for the national elections in Barcelona, Jorge Fernández Díaz, has been involved in a conspiracy scandal.

According to the Spanish newspaper 'Público' several tapes show Fernández Díaz and the Director of the Catalan Anti-fraud Office, Daniel de Alfonso Laso, plotting to find ways to accuse and discredit Catalonia's main pro-independence parties the left-wing ERC and the liberal Convergència, both of which have representation in the European Parliament.

The recordings allegedly show that both Fernández Díaz and Alfonso de Laso were trying to find suspicious dealings, business or family connections to discredit members of the ERC and the CDC. 'Don't do it yourself: selling it to the press and always naming the Spanish Police's division for Economic and Fiscal crimes (UDEP) you will lose favour' suggested Alfonso de Laso to Fernández Díaz on the recording. He said 'give the information to me instead'.

In another tape, Díaz admitted that 'Rajoy is fully aware of it'¹.

Taking the aforementioned into account:

Is the Commission aware of this anti-democratic behaviour in the Spanish Government?

¹ <http://www.publico.es/politica/fernandez-diaz-presidente-del-gobierno.html>