

Question for written answer E-003753/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Ambiguity in National Intelligence Law

China is passing a new 'National Intelligence Law' without providing a clear and thorough definition of the terms 'national intelligence' and 'national security'. Amnesty International has examined the draft law and noted that this document will legalise censorship, surveillance and arbitrary detention under the name of national security, thereby exceeding the framework set by international law. The ambiguity in this draft law will also violate Article 11 of the Declaration of Human Rights.

1. Can the VP/HR request a meeting with the Chinese authorities to take into consideration the reservations concerning human rights before it becomes a legal document?
2. Given that this document will hinder international law (specifically Article 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights), can the EU, along with pressure from the international community, seek to repeal it?