Question for written answer E-005652/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 María Teresa Giménez Barbat (ALDE)

Subject: Law on the Referendum on Self-Determination and Law of Juridical Transition for Catalonia

On 6 and 7 September, the Parliament of Catalonia adopted two laws which, according to its own legal experts and those of the Council for Statutory Guarantees, infringe the parliamentary rules of procedure, the Statute of Autonomy of Catalonia and the Spanish Constitution.

They also infringe violate numerous rights of the residents of Catalonia, who are, in addition, EU citizens.

For example, the Law of Juridical Transition provides for a unilateral declaration of independence following a referendum on 1 October, with no guarantees, which would result in the effective suspension of all EU law in Catalonia.

Furthermore, the Law on the Referendum provides for a census, without specifying how or from where the necessary data is to be obtained, thereby jeopardising the privacy and the individual rights of those resident in Catalonia.

Given that these measures directly affect the fundamental rights of EU citizens of different nationalities resident in the Autonomous Community of Catalonia, does the Commission intend to take any kind of action to curb the use of such laws and ensure that EU law remains in force in Catalonia?