

**Question for written answer E-007266/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Human rights violations in the case of Mateusz Piskorski

Recent media reports have once again focused international attention on the case of the Polish politician and activist Mateusz Piskorski. Piskorski has been in pre-trial detention in Poland since 18 May 2016, almost a year and a half. He was formerly head of the think-tank 'European Centre of Geopolitical Analysis'. According to media reports he is accused by the Polish authorities of 'espionage' (for Russia and China), while his defenders maintain that he merely produced 'propaganda' for which he received compensation payments.

Apparently the Polish judicial authorities have still not yet issued an indictment.

When Piskorski was arrested in May 2016, searches also took place at the homes of members and sympathisers of his party Zmiana ('change') and computers, phones and papers were confiscated.

1. What does the Commission know about the case of Mateusz Piskorski?
2. What is the Commission's view of the detention of Piskorski without any indictment or details of the charges against him?
3. In the light of the above, does the Commission intend to take up the Piskorski case looking at possible human rights violations, to make representations for his release, and to urge strict compliance with existing human rights standards?