

**Question for written answer E-000709/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Governing a Member State region from another Member State

Following the latest Catalan Parliament elections, some nationalist-party representatives have announced that they intend to swear in the next president from elsewhere. In practice, this means that the next Catalan Government will carry out its duties from a Member State other than Spain.

Taking into account that the Treaties ensure that Member States, including their autonomous local and regional governments, respect their political and constitutional structures and that Member States respect and help each other:

What is the Commission's view on the fact that a regional government in one Member State may carry out its duties from another Member State?

Does the Commission believe that the above possibility could affect democratic stability and the rule of law in the European Union?