## Question for written answer E-003434/2018 to the Commission

**Rule 130** 

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Subject: Commissioner Arias Cañete - His wife's links to an offshore company

On 20 June 2018, *El Confidencial* newspaper revealed that in March 2016 associates of Micaela Domecq Solís, wife of Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete, attempted to cut their ties with the offshore company Rinconada Investments Group, which was established by Panamanian company Mossack Fonseca and whose existence was revealed in the Panama Papers.

In particular, requests were filed to certify that Micaela Domecq Solís had had no power of administration and that the company had been inactive since 2010, had not carried on any activity and held no assets. Both requests were refused by the company on the grounds that Ms Domecq was an authorised signatory of the company account and it could not be certified that the company was inactive. This information clearly contradicts Commissioner Arias Cañete's declaration of July 2016, in which he stated that the account was closed in January 2010.

- 1. Is the Commission aware of this information?
- 2. Does it intend to ask Commissioner Arias Cañete for an explanation and to declare his wife's account held in a tax haven?
- 3. Following the Acuamed, Salamanca mine and pension-drawing scandals, and now this new revelation, does the President of the Commission intend to sack Commissioner Arias Cañete?

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