

**Question for written answer P-000302/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Appointment of a Representative of the Catalan Regional Government to the European Union

On 23 December 2014 the Catalan Regional Government established the post of Permanent Representative of the Catalan Regional Government to the European Union and announced that Amadeu Altafaj, an official at the European Commission, had been appointed to the post.

A spokesperson for the Catalan Regional Government said that the High Representative of the Catalan Regional Government would, among his other duties, 'represent, defend and promote the general interests of Catalonia and maintain relations with the Community institutions'.

What is the Commission's opinion of the establishment of this new post within the structure of the Catalan Regional Government?

Does the Commission now intend to speak directly to the new Representative of the Catalan Regional Government to the EU on matters concerning Catalonia, instead of to the Spanish Government and its Permanent Representative to the EU?