

**Question for written answer P-001206/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Designating programmes and companies as 'dangerous' from the point of view of cyber defence

On 13 June 2018, the European Parliament adopted a Resolution¹ on cyber defence. Paragraph 76 names a private business, namely Kaspersky Lab, whose programmes it brands 'dangerous' and even 'malicious', without any further explanation.

1. Does the Commission know of any reason other than certain press articles that justifies the labelling of Kaspersky as 'dangerous' or 'malicious', especially since Member States such as Germany², France³ and Belgium⁴ do not perceive any problems with cooperation with the firm concerned?
2. Does the Commission know whether any programmes and devices other than those of Kaspersky were discussed with a view to an EU ban?
3. Does the Commission know of any reports or opinions of cyber experts or consultancies about Kaspersky Lab, and can it give me references to them?

¹ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2018-0258+0+DOC+XML+V0//NL&language=NL>

² <http://dipbt.bundestag.de/doc/btd/19/060/1906048.pdf>

³ <http://www.senat.fr/compte-rendu-commissions/20181001/etr.html>

⁴ <https://www.tijd.be/nieuws/archief/belgie-bant-russische-antivirussoftware-niet/10064355.html>

