

**Question for written answer E-011895/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Microsoft's buyout of Nokia's mobile division

According to press reports, the circumstances surrounding the sale of Nokia's mobile division to Microsoft are very unusual. Apart from the sorry sight of seeing the last European manufacturer of mobile handsets sold to a foreign company, it has been alleged that this sale could be criminal as Nokia's share price might have been manipulated.

The Commission has broad powers when it comes to the supervision and monitoring of mergers and acquisitions in the EU; it also claims that it intends to develop a European industrial strategy.

1. Has this matter been referred to the Commission?
2. What legal and material means does the Commission have at its disposal to check whether this transaction was legal?
3. Does the Commission include in its industrial 'strategy' the conservation and protection, at European level, of important or strategic sectors given that, as we have seen in the Mittal case, the nationality of a company's owner has an effect on the geographical location of its activities?