

**Question for written answer E-004474/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Missing Basque citizen found dead in Sweden: Identification of remains and dealings with the family

The case of Miguel Ángel Martínez Santamaría, who disappeared under mysterious circumstances in Sweden, is characterised by numerous irregularities.

After an autopsy had been performed by the Swedish authorities, the Consular Section of the Spanish Embassy in Stockholm registered the death of Mr Martínez Santamaría on 11 October 2005.

However, there is no indication that the Embassy in any way documented the identification of Mr Miguel Ángel Martínez Santamaría, whose death was officially registered on the basis of notification by the Swedish authorities.

In addition, neither the Stockholm Police nor the Spanish Consulate has to date provided any official documentation regarding registration of the death in Sweden.

1. Does the Commission consider that the Spanish authorities have infringed the law by failing to provide a certified copy of the document identifying the body as that of Miguel Ángel Martínez Santamaría?
2. Does the Commission consider that the Swedish authorities should have provided an official civil registry death certificate?
3. Does the Commission consider that Directive 2012/29/EU has been infringed in this connection, given the treatment of the family of the deceased, which was not even allowed to view the body?