

**Question for written answer E-005377/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Violating freedom of expression in the case against Carlos Santiago

This week renewed condemnation in the Spanish State for their medieval inquisition and witch hunts has been fuelled by the fact that the justice system has just deemed admissible the complaint filed by the Spanish Association of Christian Lawyers. The complaint includes alleged slander and incitement to discrimination against religious feelings against the well-known comedian Carlos Santiago following his announcement in the capital of Galicia that the Carnival will commence with a parody of the Apostle James.

Moreover, considering that Spain is a non-denominational State,

- 1) Does the Commission not deem a humoristic monologue booked by a Municipality for the Carnival, as in this case, to be a right of freedom of expression covered in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights?
- 2) Does the Commission have any evidence of the activities carried out by the Spanish Association of Christian Lawyers?
- 3) How does the Commission view the fact that in the 21st century there are countries that continue to acknowledge misdemeanour offences against religion and even blasphemy?