

**Question for written answer E-000023/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Bugging of embassies

The unfortunate incident at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul has highlighted the issue of the 'bugging' of diplomatic facilities. The EU has diplomatic offices in many countries in which sensitive matters may be discussed. Indeed, since the virtual pooling of security intelligence from many sources (5 eyes, 9 eyes et al.), one single bugging occurrence could cause immeasurable damage.

Can the Commission confirm that following the Istanbul bugging, all such EU facilities have been rechecked and protected against audio visual eavesdropping and other forms of espionage?