

**Question for written answer E-004807/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy support for an individual suspected of crimes against humanity, and the EU's remembrance policy

On 8 July 1978, during the San Fermín bull-running festival in Pamplona-Iruñea, police, acting under direct orders, used violence and opened fire. Dozens of people were injured and a young man named Germán Rodríguez was shot and killed by police. No one has ever stood trial for what happened that day.

The then Minister for the Interior, Rodolfo Martín Villa, has been called to give evidence to the so-called 'Querella Argentina' (Argentinian Complaint), which investigates crimes committed by the Franco dictatorship and during the Transition. Last year the current High Representative sent a letter of support to the former Minister.

In the Commission's view, should the High Representative publically withdraw his support for someone under investigation for crimes against humanity?

Does the Commission support the ongoing investigation by the Querella Argentina into the crimes committed by the Spanish dictatorship between 1936 and 1977?

What action can the Commission take in order to guarantee that Member States comply with the investigation into what happened and with the duty of remembrance in honour of the victims in Europe, as acknowledged in several EU directives?