

**Question for written answer E-004835/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: The High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Common Security Policy supports a Francoist minister

In the context of the imminent testimony by former Francoist minister Rodolfo Martín Villa before Judge Servini, who is investigating crimes against humanity, such as those of the Sanfermines of 1978 or the massacre of Vitoria-Gasteiz on 3 March 1976, different personalities have expressed their support for Mr Martín Villa, including Mr Borrell, the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Common Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission.

The resolution adopted by Parliament on 25 October 2018 on the rise of neo-fascist violence in Europe calls for 'a common culture of remembrance that rejects the fascist crimes of the past.' Furthermore, the Commission's programme 'Europe for citizens 2014-2020', includes a specific action entitled 'Active historical remembrance of Europe', whose aim is to promote and preserve European historical memory.

1. Is the Commission aware that one of its Vice-Presidents supports a minister of Franco currently under investigation for crimes against humanity?
2. Does the Commission consider that the aforementioned support goes against one of the Commission's strategic lines?
3. Does the Commission believe that interference in a trial in a third country by Mr Borrell is compatible with the principle of the separation of powers and his mandate in the Commission?