

**Question for written answer E-005141/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
Assita Kanko (ECR)

Subject: The independence and veracity of EU officials in public statements regarding COVID-19 and disinformation

Commissioner Vestager stated with regard to the coronavirus outbreak that ‘this time there are no guilty parties, unlike in 2008. So it is not the Chinese (...)’ Does the Commission feel that this is an appropriate response from a representative of the Commission College, in light of reports and emerging evidence of how the crisis was dealt with by the Government of China?

Does the Commission feel that an independent and thorough inquiry and analysis should first be carried out, before such public judgements are made by representatives of the Commission College?