

**Question for written answer E-006269/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Rule of Law Report in Spain and monitoring lawsuits in the Court of Justice of the European Union

The EU Rule of Law Report emphasises that it has included an analysis of the cases brought before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and the judgments delivered concerning Member States. In 2019, the CJEU had to resolve a delicate dispute concerning the Spanish process of installing and acquiring the status of Member of the European Parliament, and ruled that no additional criteria could be imposed on elected officials other than that of having actually been elected by the public. The doctrine was applied by the legal services of the European Parliament in three of the four cases in question, but is being blatantly flouted by the Spanish Supreme Court, which has backed the anti-legal approach of an administrative body — the central electoral commission — to try to reverse the will of the people through administrative channels.

In view of the fact that this case is linked to a core element of the rule of law and that it could lead to a deep institutional crisis within the Community framework, could the Commission say if this matter will be addressed in the next report?