

**Question for written answer E-006453/2020/rev.1**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

Rule 138

**José Ramón Bauzá Díaz (Renew)**

**Subject:** Dismissal of a Spanish official of Jewish descent from the EEAS

A Spanish citizen of Jewish descent and, until last September, an official at the European External Action Service (EEAS), was dismissed from her post after 24 years' service in the EU institutions, following a disciplinary procedure about which some questions are being asked.

The disciplinary procedure that led to her dismissal was triggered by rumours at the EEAS accusing her of being a spy working for Israel and then, subsequently, Turkey. Thus began six years of internal procedures and investigations for this official which concluded in her dismissal, although the original accusation of espionage did not figure in the final report sent to the EEAS's Disciplinary Panel.

In light of the above, and in line with the principle of non-discrimination laid down in Article 10 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union:

1. Why, after the accusation of espionage had been dropped, was this official ultimately dismissed?
2. What steps has the EEAS taken to investigate the possible anti-Semitic motivation behind the rumours concerning her?