

**Question for written answer E-006679/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Call for the Commission to shed light on the obscure matter of the out-of-date Italian pandemic plan

Two leading Italian TV news programmes – ‘Report’ and ‘Non è l’Arena’ – have recently reported that Ranieri Guerra, Assistant Director-General of the WHO, has amended a report to hide the fact that the Italian pandemic plan had not been updated since 2006.

According to the investigations, shortly before the report was published, Ranieri Guerra wrote to one of the authors telling him to state that the year of the plan was 2016, instead of 2006, in an attempt to conceal the fact that Italy’s pandemic response plan was obsolete; on 14 May, just one day after its publication online, the plan was removed, never to be seen again.

Furthermore, over the past few weeks, the WHO has prevented some of its officials from appearing before Italian magistrates who are investigating this matter, claiming immunity but thereby slowing down the ongoing investigations.

In view of this:

1. Should the Commission not look into the situation described above, especially considering that, if it had been regularly updated, the plan could have slowed down the spread of the virus and saved thousands of lives?
2. Should it not condemn the WHO’s attitude in such an obscure matter and urge that organisation to cooperate with the Italian institutions in order to shed full light on these events?