

**Question for written answer E-006833/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Violents threats and extreme-right elements in the Spanish Army

On 2 December 2020, the media reported that a group of retired Spanish military officials had sent a letter to King Felipe VI expressing their concern about the relations between the Spanish Government and pro-independence parties¹. King Felipe VI did not disallow the letter.

Moreover, as revealed by José Ignacio Domínguez, a retired Lieutenant-Colonel of the Spanish Army, a number of the same high-ranking officials speculated about the possibility of bombing the Catalan National Assembly² or organising a coup d'état in a WhatsApp chat. Since the end of the dictatorship, similar comments have been heard every few years.

In contrast, the German Government recently dissolved a special forces unit over its far-right links in an exemplary measure for the EU³.

Is the Commission aware of these facts?

How does it evaluate the measures taken by Member States to purge extreme-right elements from their armies?

Taking into account the desire to increase integration in the field of defence, will it propose guidelines to ensure that all Member States take a similar approach?

Supporters⁴

¹ https://www.elnacional.cat/ca/politica/militars-carteja-rei-suggereix-afusellar-26-milions_561933_102.html

² https://www.elnacional.cat/ca/politica/cop-bombardejar-seu-anc-bogeries-xat-xix-exercit-aire_562344_102.html

³ <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-germany-army-farright-idUSKBN2412VH>

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