

**Question for written answer E-000623/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Sale to third countries of vaccines allocated to Spain

The Commission's vaccination strategy aims to ensure that all 27 Member States obtain the vaccine as soon as possible. Spain has been one of the European countries hardest hit by the virus and one where the government has handled the pandemic the least well. Spain, having received the vaccines, has decided to sell 30 000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine to Andorra, in order to show 'solidarity' with the neighbouring country.

Andorra is one of the countries which has been least affected by the virus, while Spain has been one of the worst affected and one which is most in need of the vaccine in order to restimulate its economy and its tourism sector above all, which is one of the main drivers of Spain's economy.

1. Does the Commission think it is fair for Spain to sell a large number of doses of its vaccine to another country, thereby robbing Spaniards of theirs?
2. Does it think it is justifiable to sell the vaccine to a country such as Andorra, one of the richest in Europe, while the Spanish people are grappling with a severe economic crisis as a result of the pandemic?