

**Question for written answer E-003228/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Tributes to convicted ETA terrorists

On 16 September 2022 a large crowd gathered in Bermeo (Vizcaya)¹ to pay tribute to the ETA terrorist Elías Fernández Castañares, who died recently. He was responsible for the murder of two people.

Any tribute to a member of a terrorist organisation, whether living or dead, humiliates their victims and is an affront to democracy. For their part, Spain's judges have called yet again for suitable legal instruments so they can take action to stop tributes of this kind.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission condemn these actions and specifically the recent tribute paid in Bermeo?
2. Will it urge the Spanish Government to establish suitable legal instruments at national level to prevent and take action against acts that humiliate victims of terrorism?
3. When will it present its proposal for a revision of Directive 2012/29/EU so that it meets the objectives established by Parliament in both its recent Report on the Situation of Fundamental Rights in the European Union in 2020 and 2021, and in the conclusions of the Committee on Petitions' fact-finding mission to Spain?

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKvPf5T2TKE>