

**Question for written answer E-003652/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Launching of a spy satellite by the North Korean regime, in clear violation of UN sanctions

On 15 November 2023, according to the North Korean press agency KCNA, the regime in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) successfully launched a spy satellite, in breach of the military agreement reached in 2018 to de-escalate military tensions in the Korean Peninsula.

In an indication that the satellite launch could, among other things, significantly destabilise the area, South Korea reacted by partially suspending the agreement and resuming surveillance operations along the border.

In the light of the above, is the Commission planning to condemn the launching, in clear violation of the sanctions imposed by the UN, of the satellite by the North Korean regime?

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