

**Question for written answer E-000804/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Suspected cases of irregularities in pre-selection processes for various appointments at the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)

According to press reports, two complaints have been made to the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) concerning suspected cases of irregularities in the pre-selection processes for various appointments at the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).

More specifically, it would seem that incidents involving nepotism, bias and fraud have occurred in those pre-selection processes. The pre-selection committees are said to have manipulated the process so that there was only one candidate or to have favoured specific candidates.

In the light of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Is it aware of the incidents reported to OLAF?
2. Will it investigate the alleged irregularities committed by the pre-selection committees?

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