

**Priority question for written answer P-005521/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Infringement of individual rights and linguistic discrimination in Spain

In the autonomous community of Catalonia, the statutory rights of families to have their children educated in their mother tongue, as established under Article 3 of the Spanish Constitution and by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, are not being respected.

This is also in breach of at least 25% of the provisions contained in the judgment handed down by the High Court of Justice of Catalonia¹ and upheld by the Supreme Court, ordering the Government of Catalonia, to take ensure the use of Spanish as a vehicular language.

Linguistic discrimination in Catalonia has now reached such extremes that, with the connivance of the regional authorities, any families seeking compliance with the ruling and calling for more Spanish to be taught at school risk verbal and physical harassment.

As guardian of the Treaties and in view of its commitment to upholding the rule of law in the Union, does the Commission condemn this breach of fundamental rights by the Government of Catalonia? Are measures or recommendations being considered with a view to upholding these rights?

¹ <https://www.poderjudicial.es/search/openDocument/e4a3a5cecd017449>