

**Priority question for written answer P-000609/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Infringements of Regulation No 31 (EEC) 11 (EAEC) by European Commission official,
Diego Canga Fano

On 17 February 2023, the European Commission approved State aid for ArcelorMittal in Asturias (Spain).

On 10 December 2022, months before the Commission officially published this decision, Diego Canga Fano, Director for Communication, Research and Geographical Indications in DG AGRI, announced that he was already aware that the State aid for ArcelorMittal would be approved in early 2023. This was reported in the press.

On 25 January 2023, Mr Canga Fano, on a leave of absence from his post in the Commission, anticipated that the State aid to ArcelorMittal would be authorised mid-February. On 17 February 2023, hours before the official Commission decision was released, Mr Canga Fano announced that the decision would be favourable and made public the same day. Neither statement escaped the attention of the press.

1. Does Diego Canga Fano's announcement of 10 December 2022 constitute an infringement of Article 17(1) of Regulation No 31 (EEC) 11 (EAEC) laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community?
2. Do Diego Canga Fano's assertions of 25 January and 17 February 2023 constitute infringements of Article 17(2) of Regulation No 31 (EEC) 11 (EAEC)?

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