Priority question for written answer P-000853/2024 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Banning Amazon lobbyists from entering the European Commission's buildings, following the decision taken by the European Parliament

On 27 February 2023, Parliament took the decision to ban Amazon lobbyists from accessing its buildings, in accordance with Rule 123(3) of its Rules of Procedure. To this end, the access badges of those lobbyists have been deactivated.

This decision came as a result of Amazon's refusal to attend the hearings to which it was invited by Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs in May 2021 and January 2024, in order to inquire about working conditions in its warehouses. What is more, Amazon also refused to allow an official delegation of MEPs to visit its warehouses in December 2023.

Lobbyists receive a badge following their registration in the transparency register, which covers both Parliament and the Commission. However, the Commission has not banned Amazon lobbyists from accessing its buildings. In light of the above:

- 1. Does the Commission not think that Amazon should no longer be able to meet European Commissioners and their teams, as well as EU officials, as a result of the company's contemptuous attitude towards Parliament, the only democratically elected institution of the European Union?
- 2. Does the Commission intend to ban Amazon lobbyists from accessing its buildings, as Parliament has done?

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