

**Question for written answer E-002203/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Spain's failure to comply with the European Parliament's recommendations on stolen baby cases

In 2017, the European Parliament's Committee on Petitions adopted a raft of recommendations urging the Spanish authorities to effectively investigate cases of abductions of new-born babies during the Franco dictatorship and in the following years. These included setting up a special prosecutor's office and a public DNA database, officially recognising these acts as crimes against humanity and providing victims with free legal aid and psychological support.

Eight years later, in 2025, and after several failed attempts to pass specific legislation, many of these recommendations remain unfulfilled. The absence of adequate legislation and sufficient public resources has led to continued impunity and aggravated the institutional neglect of the victims.

1. What measures does the European Commission intend to take in response to Spain's continued failure to comply with these recommendations?
2. Has the Commission set up any effective mechanisms to monitor possible violations of the rights of victims of enforced or involuntary disappearances by the Spanish authorities, as the Committee on Petitions requested in the aforementioned report?
3. Does the Commission consider that this inaction constitutes a violation of Directive 2012/29/EU, the Victims' Rights Directive?

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