

Question for written answer E-003061/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Use of Hikvision cameras in sensitive facilities in Spain following a decision by Pedro Sánchez's socialist Government

The Spanish Government has contracted Chinese company Hikvision to provide video surveillance cameras for government facilities, including sensitive sites such as La Moncloa and border control points – like those at the EU's southern border.

Hikvision has been banned in the USA and is restricted in many other countries due to its role in the mass surveillance of minorities and its close ties with the Chinese regime¹. The US National Security Agency and European experts have warned about the risk of these devices being accessed remotely without authorisation².

Using this technology in government offices and at strategic points poses a direct threat to national security and to data protection. It could also cause international partners to be less confident about sharing information with Spain.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider these contracts to comply with the principle of national security as part of the EU strategy?
2. Does the Commission believe that Sánchez's Government is jeopardising security and intelligence cooperation in the EU by supporting the use of surveillance technology that has links with the Chinese Government?
3. When will the Commission recommend that Spain and the other Member States bar suppliers such as Hikvision from public procurement?

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¹ 'Britain to remove Chinese surveillance gear from government sites' (<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/jun/08/britain-to-remove-chinese-surveillance-gear-from-government-sites>), *The Guardian*. 'UK government bans new Chinese security cameras' (<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-63749696>), *BBC*.

² 'China's cameras face fresh scrutiny in Europe' (<https://www.politico.eu/article/hikvision-china-surveillance-chinese-tech-europe/>), *Politico*. 'Chinese-Made Surveillance Cameras Are Spreading Across Eastern Europe, Despite Security Concerns' (<https://www.rferl.org/a/china-surveillance-cameras-europe-dahua-hikvision/32930737.html>), *RFERL*.