

**Question for written answer E-004533/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Teresa Ribera

In accordance with Article 17(3) of the Treaty on European Union, Commissioners must act with complete independence and solely represent the interests of the Union and not those of their Member State of origin.

In the context of the conflict in the Middle East, it has been reported that a Commissioner has adopted a stance or expressed herself in a way that could be understood as supporting the position of the Spanish Government – and thus not as an expression of a common EU position. To be specific: the Spanish Commissioner has accused Israel of genocide, while the Commissioner responsible for the matter has made it clear that the Commission has no competence whatsoever to judge whether genocide is taking place anywhere.¹

1. What is the Commission's view on the Spanish Commissioner's behaviour in the light of the obligation of independence of Commissioners laid down in the EU Treaties?
2. What are the Commission's internal procedures and criteria in case a Commissioner violates the requirement for impartiality and loyalty to the EU?
3. What specific steps has the President of the Commission taken to investigate this matter or, if appropriate, impose disciplinary consequences on the Spanish Commissioner?

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¹ <https://www.bild.de/politik/ausland-und-internationales/privatmeinung-als-eu-linie-verkauft-druck-auf-von-der-leyen-vize-waechst-68ca58fed21c4655c2e3fc19>