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Answer given by Mr Brunner
on behalf of the European Commission
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As the Commission set out in its reply to written questions E-003732/2020¹, E-005750/2020², E-006692/2020³, E-001857/2021⁴, E-003458/2021⁵, E-000040/2022⁶ and E-000002/2025⁷, any use of force by law enforcement authorities should always be exercised in a proportionate manner. In particular, Article 4 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU prohibits inhuman or degrading treatment of any individual. In order to support Member States in preventing discriminatory profiling practices, under the EU Anti-Racism Strategy, the Commission will compile a compendium of good practices⁸.

Maintenance of law and order, including the use of tasers, is primarily a national competence. Member States must promote and ensure respect of fundamental rights as provided for in their constitutional order, and in line with their European and international human rights obligations.

In the case referred to by the Honourable Member, it is therefore for the Spanish authorities to conduct independent investigations.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2020-003732-ASW_EN.html.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2020-005750-ASW_EN.html.

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2020-006692-ASW_EN.html.

⁴ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-001857-ASW_EN.html.

⁵ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-003458-ASW_EN.html.

⁶ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2022-000040-ASW_EN.html.

⁷ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-000002-ASW_EN.html.

⁸ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/f4acc4d4-689e-4db8-8c89-c7243b76ab88_en?filename=JUST_template_comingsoon_standard_0.pdf; p.8.