



Cortes Generales

Ms. Isabel Oneto
Mr. Juan Fernando López Aguilar
Cochairs of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol

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Dear Cochairs,

Pursuant to article 4 (2) of the internal Rules of Procedure of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol, Mr. Gestoso de Miguel, MP and member of the Delegation of the *Cortes Generales* of Spain before the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol, would like to pose the following **written question**, to be answered by the Agency:

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

As a result of its unfailing defence of Spain and Freedom, VOX political party is being subject to attacks, threats, aggressions and persecution in all acts conducted within the framework of the current campaign for Catalan elections. This is not new, and as we have already reported and published, it has become the usual procedure in the electoral campaigns carried out in the Basque Autonomous Region and in Navarre.

These urban guerrilla attacks and street terrorism are perfectly organized and interrelated, and the Audiencia Nacional is investigating the activities of the CDR as terrorist organization. These totalitarian groups have made it impossible to hold campaign events with normality, since due to their actions attending a VOX event has become a heroic act. On top of this, police officers of the autonomous region of Catalonia themselves have reported and published in the media that they have been given political orders by the region's Minister for Home Affairs of the Regional Government of Catalonia in the sense of not adopting the necessary operational measures to put an end to this barbarity.

All these attacks and coercions stemming from anti-establishment groups of totalitarian ideology I have just described have been dealt with as an issue in Europol meetings.



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Bearing all this mind, I hereby pose the following questions:

- a) Does Europol have any information on whether these guerrilla and street terrorism groups in Catalonia have any link with other international groups?
- b) Does Europol have any knowledge on any eventual foreign interference in the electoral processes in these regions aimed at destabilizing our democracy through these radical groups?
- c) Does Europol have any information on their financing and that of their front-organizations?
- d) Does Europol have any knowledge on the links of these street guerrilla groups with the Catalan Government and the political parties supporting it?
- e) Which other groups within the EU (such as France or The Netherlands, for example) does Europol know to be using this same “modus operandi” and what are their goals?
- f) Does Europol conduct any surveillance with regards to them? Are there databases to identify them and carry out this surveillance within the framework of European police cooperation?

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