

**Question for written answer E-015917/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Discrimination against a Navantia employee

An employee of the state-owned company Navantia, Mr Xaquín García Sinde, was the victim recently of politically motivated discrimination when the National Intelligence Centre, which reports to the Ministry of the Presidency, refused him permission to access certain information connected with his work, for which he would need to enter the technical services room at Navantia which holds national security sensitive information. Authorisation is needed to enter this room, which he was denied on the following grounds:

‘Mr García Sinde continues to be involved in organisations and groups whose ideals champion a revolutionary class, anti-capitalist and internationalist strategy. While involvement in such organisations and groups is not illegal, it is not considered compatible with protection of classified information which Spain’s Ministry of Defence grants industry for its arms developments [...].’

This is a clear breach of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, on freedom of thought and association, and of Article 21 on non-discrimination.

What is the Commission’s view of the fact that this has happened in a Member State? Does the Commission intend to take action to stop this intolerable discrimination of a kind more typical of the Franco regime?