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Priority question

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SUBJECT:
(please specify) Spanish Minister of Home Affairs involved in a conspiracy scandal

TEXT:

Current Spanish Minister of Home Affairs and governing People's Party candidate running for the Spanish Elections in Barcelona, Jorge Fernández Díaz, has been involved in a conspiracy scandal.

According to the Spanish newspaper 'Público', several tapes show Fernández Díaz and the Director of the Catalan Anti-fraud Office, Daniel de Alfonso Laso, plotting to find different ways to accuse and discredit Catalonia's main pro-independence parties left-wing ERC and liberal Convergència, both of which have representation in the European Parliament.

The recordings show that both Fernández Díaz and Alfonso de Laso were allegedly trying to find suspicious dealings, business or family connections to discredit members of ERC and CDC. "Don't do it yourself; selling it to the press and always naming the Spanish Police's division for Economic and Fiscal crimes (UDEF) you will lose favour", suggested Alfonso de Laso to the current Spanish Minister for Home Affairs on the recording, "give the information to me instead".

In another tape, Díaz recognises that "Rajoy is fully aware of it". (1)

Taking this into account,

Is the Commission aware of this antidemocratic behaviour of the current Spanish government?

Will the Commission address this issue in order to guarantee fundamental rights and the rule of law in Spain?

(1) <http://www.publico.es/politica/fernandez-diaz-presidente-del-gobierno.html>

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