

**Question for written answer
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Addressing mobile device security bugs and their exploitation for targeting journalists, human rights defenders and politicians

It has been revealed that the smartphones used by journalists, human rights defenders and politicians have been subjected to spying using security bugs in operating systems ("Pegasus" spyware).

- 1 Will the Commission propose legislation obliging commercial IT manufacturers to fix vulnerabilities and provide patches within a reasonable timeframe after their discovery, and provide for manufacturer liability in case of failure to do so?
- 2 What else could the legislator do to improve the security posture of mobile devices and mitigate the risks of attacks?
- 3 Hungarian authorities are suspected to have monitored the smartphones of journalists and politicians using spyware. How will the Commission address this allegation?