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Police infiltrations in peaceful social movements

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The practice of police infiltrations in peaceful social movements represents a serious violation of the fundamental rights recognised by the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

These actions compromise the essential pillars of a democratic society: freedom of expression, demonstration and assembly.

Spain is bound by the provisions of the ECHR, which establish that any interference with fundamental rights must be duly justified by criteria of legality, necessity and proportionality.

The jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights has reiterated the importance of protecting public space and political and social **dissent** against arbitrary or **abusive interventions**. In this framework, the police infiltrations reported by journalistic investigations expose cases of infiltrations in Catalonia that reveal an ideological bias and an abuse of surveillance mechanisms.

These practices require rigorous scrutiny to avoid their misuse for repressive purposes, always ensuring strict compliance with the ECHR and the Court's jurisprudence, since these types of interventions deeply erode citizen trust in democratic institutions.

Ms Castel

To ask the Committee of Ministers:

Does the Committee of Ministers believe that police infiltrations into peaceful social movements, without signs of criminal acts, require effective and strict regulation to guarantee the protection of human rights recognised in the ECHR?

