



Questionnaire

National Parliaments' activities on alleged CIA activities in European countries

COUNTRY: **Spain**
CHAMBER: The Senate

1. Was there a special committee formed in your chamber, similar to the one of the EP's Temporary Committee on the alleged use of European countries by the CIA for the transport and illegal detention of prisoners - TDIP?

Yes:

No:

2. Does any other permanent committee of your chamber deal with the matters?

Yes:

No:

3. Which permanent committee in your Chamber supervises intelligence services of your country?

Name:

What is its mandate:

MPs involved:

Outcome and work programme in the area of these allegations:

In the Spanish bicameral Parliament only the Congress of Deputies and not the Senate, has competence to supervise intelligence services. According to section 11 of the National Intelligence Centre Law, passed by Act 11 /2002, of 6 May, the Centre, which is accountable to the Ministry of Defence, must report about its functioning and activities and about the Intelligence goals stated annually by the government, to an specific Committee of the Congress of Deputies chaired by the President of the Chamber. The content and debates of those hearings are secret. The same Committee can access to classified matters, excepting those related to sources and resources of the National Intelligence Centre and to those coming from foreign services or organizations, in the terms established under the correspondent interchange of classified information agreements. Members of that Committee are obliged to secrecy about information or documents knew in that position and they can't keep any document or copy, as any documentation must be returned to the Centre. Under section 16 of the Congress Standing Orders, Members shall refrain from disclosing any proceedings which are of a secret nature. Through a Resolution of the Chairman, the Congress of Deputies has regulated the way in which Deputies should dealt secret or classified information or documentation

4. Has your Chamber been involved in another activities relating to these allegations (debate, report, etc.)?

NO