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CIA flights-related investigation results not disclosed in Poland

Following the results of the investigations carried out by the European Parliament on the illegal activities that the CIA has run in Europe in the context of the so called 'War on Terror', no action has been taken by Member States to acknowledge or repair the damage caused on various fronts.

The Polish Government recently sponsored an official investigation into the CIA's illegal actions in Poland, but, in accordance with domestic provisions, this investigation has been carried out in absolute secrecy. However, no provision of the law prohibits the government from disclosing in full detail the results of such investigation, once it is carried out.

In light of this, will the Council call on the Polish authorities to publicise in the fullest detail the results of the investigation?

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Answer by the Council

As the Presidency of the Council stated in its reply to oral Question **H-0015/10**, the Council shares the Parliament's view that secret detention centres, if they existed, did not comply with international law. It also stated that the European Union had always been against such detention centres, be they known detention centres such as Guantánamo, or alleged secret centres, and that the Council had always been very open to finding out whether the latter really existed.

That said, whether or not the Polish authorities publicise the results of their investigations is an internal matter for that Member State; it is not for the Council to take a stance on it.