

**Question for written answer E-005551/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Compliance with the principle of the separation of powers

On 4 July 2017, Mr Juncker took the floor at a plenary session of the European Parliament. He described the European Parliament and all its Members as ridiculous. His words are both scandalous and revealing. Scandalous, as they trample on the principle of the separation of powers – it is Parliament's job to scrutinise the executive, not the other way round. And revealing, as they show that Europe's leaders themselves do not respect the EU's institutions, which would then have no clear purpose.

What action does the Commission plan to take to ensure better compliance with the principle of the separation of powers in future?