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to the Commission**

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Subject: Report by a UN expert on human rights abuses in Greece as a result of the implementation of austerity measures

A recent report by the UN Special Rapporteur Cephias Lumina (Report on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, Addendum, *Mission to Greece*, UN A / HRC/25/50/Add.1) has found that the austerity measures being taken by the Greek government as part of the fiscal adjustment programme are undermining the protection of the fundamental rights enshrined in international UN Conventions and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

The Report recommends that creditors (and hence the EU) abide by a number of principles, including a) no provision of aid involving interventionist and humiliating policies that undermine development and human rights; b) the inclusion of the reduction of unemployment and poverty as measurable targets in the adjustment programme; and c) transparency in negotiations.

On the basis of the above, will the Commission say:

1. How does it view the positions adopted in the Report on the violation of rights, including by the EU institutions, and the above recommendations that are also addressed to it?
2. What will it do to put an end to the violation of rights in Greece, as part of its obligations under the Charter of Fundamental Rights?