

**Question for written answer E-006815/2014**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Pressure by the Troika to reduce supplementary pensions and block the issue of new supplementary pension schemes in Greece in 2014

At the meeting held in Paris on 2-4 September 2014 between the Greek government and the Troika, lenders' representatives insisted, on the one hand, on reducing supplementary pensions and, on the other, on blocking the issue of new supplementary pension schemes in 2014.

As of 01.07.2014, supplementary pensions have already been horizontally cut by 5.2%. This comes at a time when more than 750 000 pensioners are living on the threshold of absolute poverty, as their gross monthly earnings do not exceed EUR 547, as the report 'Ilios' issued by the Ministry of Labour shows.

On the basis of the above, will the Commission, in its capacity as member of the Troika, state:

1. Does it insist on reductions in supplementary pensions in Greece at a time when impoverished pensioners in Greece are unable to survive because of reductions in pensions but also because of the economic damage inflicted on the Greek economy by the Memorandum imposed by the Troika, as the European Parliament acknowledged incidentally in its resolution of 13.03.2014?
2. Does it stand by its refusal to allow the issue of new supplementary pensions in Greece in 2014?