

**Question for written answer E-009601/2014
to the Commission
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Blatant infringement of children's rights in Greece by the Commission, a member of the Troika, under the terms of the Memorandum

20 November has been designated as Universal Children's Day, marking the anniversary of the adoption of the UN International Convention for Children's Rights on 20 November 1989.

According to the findings of the UNICEF report of 28 October 2014, median household incomes for families with children has sunk to 1998 levels, with child poverty rising from 23% in 2008 to 40.5% in 2012. Furthermore, Greece is now in the penultimate position among the OECD countries regarding the number of young people between the ages of 15 to 24 not in education, employment or training.

At the same time, the research findings released by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) in its Income and Household Living Standards Survey of 18 November 2014 indicate that, over the five years from 2009 to 2013, there was a significant increase in the number of households that were unable to offer their children the basic necessities, the problems being particularly acute in families with three or more children, 7.4% of households being unable to offer their children a meal with red meat, chicken or fish on a daily basis.

In view of this:

Will the Commission, a member of the Troika, continue to impose harsh conditions under the Memorandum, which has already impoverished the Greek people, thereby trampling on the rights of children?