

**Question for written answer E-010800/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Does the Commission accept left-wing candidates?

When the presidential elections in Greece were brought forward to 17 December, the European Commission indicated that it had a preferred candidate – Stavros Dimas, the former European Commissioner.

Indeed, Jean-Claude Juncker went so far as to openly threaten Greek parliamentarians during a televised debate, when he stated that ‘...the Greeks [...] know very well what a wrong election result would mean for Greece and the euro zone!’ He then concluded with unbearable elitist arrogance that he would prefer for ‘familiar faces to be elected’, with reference to Stavros Dimas.

Therefore, would it be correct to say that the Commission would prefer to abolish elections and appoint representatives to European States directly?

The Commission has no mandate whatsoever authorising its President to express a political opinion showing a preference in a national parliamentary election! President Juncker knows this full well. Does he intend to express his regret and apologise to the Greek people?