Question for written answer E-004512/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: Funding to restore damage to the historic Myrina Castle and compensate the inhabitants

of Limnos for losses caused by extreme weather conditions

The heavy rainfall which hit the island of Limnos recently flooded homes, shops and businesses, causing damage of EUR 500 000.

According to the Inspectorate of Antiquities in Lesbos, a large part of the wall of the historic Myrina Castle collapsed on to the path from the entrance to the church of Agia Paraskevi and visitors have been prohibited from using it as it is now extremely dangerous. The section which collapsed is about 20 m long and 8 m high and the rubble has covered the path below along a section about 20 m long.

At the same time, a large part of Myrina Castle is unsafe and this problem has been exacerbated by the heavy rainfall which hit the island.

According to the Ministry of Culture, it is the largest stronghold in the Aegean.

In view of the above, will the Commission say what funds it intends to release and to what timetable for the purpose of:

- 1. complete and immediate restoration of the above damage to the historic Myrina Castle in Limnos and construction of flood protection works on the island and
- 2. full and immediate compensation of the victims for the above losses suffered due to the aforementioned extreme weather conditions.

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