

**Question for written answer E-009989/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
Inês Cristina Zuber (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: Troika's second 'post-programme' assessment of Portugal

Following its second 'post-programme' assessment of Portugal, it has been reported that the Troika does not think the country will be able to meet budgetary targets without further austerity measures. In its statement, the Troika said that measures taken by the national government were inadequate to achieve the objectives set for the deficit this year and next, because of what it sees as 'a weakness in budgetary consolidation efforts'.

As we all know, implementation of the Troika's policies, which were promoted and supported by the Portuguese Government, was followed by increasing poverty among the population and workers and an exponential rise in unemployment and the number of precarious jobs.

- What specific recommendations have the Troika and the aforementioned assessment made to the Portuguese Government?
- Are they calling for more cuts in wages, pensions, reforms and public services and more public sector redundancies?