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to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Nationwide introduction of the guaranteed minimum wage and increase of the amount payable to each recipient

Since 2010, the European Parliament has stressed the need for a guaranteed minimum wage which will cover European citizens' basic cost of living and contribute to the Member States' economic development and social cohesion.

As also stated by Commissioner Thyssen in the European Parliament plenary session held in Strasbourg on 15 September 2016, the guaranteed minimum income should not replace social welfare programmes, but rather strengthen them.

In Greece, the guaranteed minimum wage, now referred to as the 'Social Solidarity Income', for the period between 14 July 2016 and 31 December 2016, will apply in only 30 municipalities, despite the fact that in June 2016, unemployment in the country reached 1 124 000.

Bearing in mind the above, what initiatives will the Commission take, in cooperation with the competent Greek authorities, to

1. immediately introduce the guaranteed minimum wage nationwide and
2. , to generate a significant increase in the amount paid per beneficiary, to increase the amount of funds allocated to the action concerned?

