

**Question for written answer E-008759/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Protection of working-class homes

Thousands of families belonging to working class, self-employed or poor farming categories have been driven to despair, being unable to repay mortgage and business loans and being burdened with excessive taxes. As a result, they have seen their homes being placed 'under the hammer' by banks and by the authorities. All this is the result of the tough austerity measures imposed on the working classes by governments and by the EU institutions in order to safeguard corporate profits.

In Greece, the terms and conditions of the legislation introduced by the SYRIZA -ANEL government for the ostensible purpose of protecting over-indebted households are so strict that working-class homes are still having to be auctioned off.

Given that housing for workers and their families is an inalienable human right:

- What are the Commission's views regarding protection of the first and second homes of working-class households in the case of primary debtors and guarantors? What are its views regarding a suspension of all debt enforcement or similar measures by credit institutions and by the State in respect of mortgage, personal or business loans or tax payments? What are its views regarding calls for interest remission and a 50% write-off on the principal regarding the above loans and amounts outstanding?