

**Question for written answer E-000285/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Offshore companies involved in football

Mediapart has just revealed that the football club LOSC has been bought through a company registered in the British Virgin Islands.

Gérard Lopez is said to have confirmed that he has bought LOSC through his company Victory Soccer Limited, based in London. According to an investigation by Mediapart, that company belongs to a holding company called Chimera, which in turn belongs to Incredible Wealth, a company registered in the British Virgin Islands, a famous tax haven where Cristiano Ronaldo and José Mourinho have invested their money, as the Football Leaks affair has revealed.

Tax evasion by multinationals and the super-rich is supposedly one of the Commission's priorities.

The tax scandals just keep coming, however.

Is the Commission planning to take more effective action against tax evasion?

Should it not set up a monitoring agency to combat such abuses?

These revelations come just a few weeks after it was revealed that several top-level footballers and football managers, who are supposed to serve as sport ambassadors to citizens, in particular young people, were heavily implicated in the Football Leaks affair.

What practical action will the Commission take to halt these successive waves of fraud in the world of sport?