

**Question for written answer E-001976/2017/rev.1
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Inappropriate comments by the Eurogroup President

The Dutch Finance Minister and President of the Eurogroup, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, has been quoted in the German newspaper FAZ as saying words to the following effect: during the euro crisis the northern countries showed solidarity with the countries hardest hit. As a social democrat, I set great store by moderation. But people also have obligations: they can't spend all their money on booze and women and then ask for help.

By 'people' Mr Dijsselbloem meant Italy and other southern European countries. Bearing in mind that he currently heads the Eurogroup, will the Council say:

- Does it intend to comment on this matter?
- Does it think that Mr Dijsselbloem should be asked to resign?