

**Question for written answer E-003024/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Incidents in the FYROM Parliament

Political developments in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia have reached a critical stage. On 27 April 2017, protesters and supporters of the Nikola Gruevski's VMRO-DPMNE party invaded the country's Parliament and attacked members of the Social Democratic Party and the Albanian parties.

According to reports<sup>1</sup>, 10 people have been injured, including the Social Democrat leader Zoran Zaev.

The demonstrations took place during the election of parliament speaker. The legality of the procedures for electing the speaker have been questioned as they are thought to be unconstitutional.

The FYROM is an EU candidate country and, in view of that fact:

1. What steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the political situation returns to legality and regularity?
2. Given that for two years the FYROM has been suffering a political crisis and lack of governance, what recommendations has the Commission made or does it intend to make to ensure that the institutions and democracy in the country runs properly?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-39738865>