

Question for written answer E-000078/2019
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Activities of the Ukrainian denunciation website Myrotworez

For a number of years, the Ukrainian website Myrotworez ('peace-maker') has been publishing the personal particulars of alleged 'enemies of Ukraine'. These include journalists who, in the view of the website's operators, criticise the policies of the Ukrainian Government, but also 'pro-Russian terrorists', 'mercenaries', 'separatists', 'war criminals' and 'murderers'. For some considerable time, the website has also been denouncing the former German Federal Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, the singer Anna Netrebko and the tabler of this question as 'enemies of Ukraine'.

The website Myrotworez officially regards itself as independent, but its operators have strong links with the Ukrainian Government. The person primarily responsible for the website is identified as a Member of the Verkhovna Rada and adviser to the Ukrainian Interior Minister, Anton Herashchenko. The website was launched by the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE).

In the context of the EU's policy on association with Ukraine, the defamatory activity of the Myrotworez website, which is damaging at least one Member of the European Parliament, is totally unacceptable.

1. What does the Commission know about the possible impact of denunciation by Myrotworez, for example on Members of the European Parliament?
2. What efforts is the Commission making to encourage Ukraine, which has an association agreement with the EU, to cease discrimination such as that practised by the Myrotworez website?