

**Question for written answer E-001568/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Expropriation of the property of the Greek ethnic minority in Albania

The Albanian leadership is going ahead with the compulsory expropriation of the property of members of Albania's Greek minority. This is why I am following up my previous question (which you answered on 26.2.2019) on this issue, an issue which raises crucial questions about respect for the rule of law and property rights and the protection of human rights and minorities.

The earlier decision of the Albanian Council of Ministers, which illegally and with a total lack of transparency ceded private properties belonging to members of the Greek minority to the Ministry of Tourism for tourist development, is now being implemented. This decision is contrary to the European Convention on Human Rights, rulings by courts in Albania and the EU's long-standing recommendations.

Given that the Commission has stated that it is aware of this issue and is monitoring the situation, will it say:

1. What additional measures is it taking to protect the property of members of the Greek minority from the continual arbitrary and illegal political decisions of the Albanian authorities?
2. What extraordinary measures is it taking, given that, as it has pointed out, there has not yet been any significant improvement in the legal framework for the registration, expropriation and compensation of property – especially where the protection of minorities is involved?
3. How do these arbitrary actions affect the good neighbourly relations of Albania with other countries and Albania's EU accession prospects?