Question for written answer P-000906/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Sofia Sakorafa (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Failure of the FYROM government to implement the agreed reforms

Last year FYROM experienced its worst political crisis since 2001. It is crucial for the stability of the country that there should be a full and constructive implementation of the political agreement between the government and opposition and the systemic reforms agreed on in order to address issues relating to the rule of law, the violations of fundamental rights, the independence of the judiciary, media freedom, corruption and bribery, the politicisation of State institutions, the blurred boundaries between the State and the parties and reforms to hold early parliamentary elections.

In view of the fact that:

- the authorities have failed to make any progress in improving the reliability of electoral rolls, in accordance with international standards, in order to prevent irregularities and distortions of the outcome of elections and have likewise failed to make any progress with the agreed reforms on the smooth and independent functioning of the media, which should be implemented at least 100 days before early elections;
- the opposition under Zoran Zaev believes that it is impossible to hold fair and democratic elections on 24 April under the present conditions and will boycott them;

Will the Commission say:

- 1. Which of the agreed reforms have been implemented within the agreed deadlines, which have been delayed and what is the official information provided by the FYROM government?
- 2. How will it incorporate in its updated briefing to the Council the lack of political will of the FYROM government to implement the agreed systemic reforms?

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