

**Question for written answer P-002822/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Expulsion of Greek journalists from their trade union

The trade union representing Greek journalists has imposed penalties on a number of its members who have been accused of unethical conduct regarding coverage of the July 2015 referendum, ranging from reprimands to suspension. This is an unprecedented attempt by a journalists' union to manipulate members and take proceedings against those expressing views contrary to those of the current majority, rather than defending and promoting freedom of expression and opinion.

In view of this and given that freedom and pluralism of the media are fundamental pillars of European democracy:

1. Is the Commission aware of the above developments?
2. Will it take measures to investigate the situation regarding freedom of the press in Greece, which already comes very low in world rankings in this respect?