Question for written answer P-004298/2016/rev.1 to the Commission
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: Annulment of transfer of former Hellinikon Airport by HRADF to Lamda Development SA because of infringement of EU law

According to expert studies, the transfer of the former Hellinikon Airport by the HRADF to Lamda Development SA is in breach of EU law, in particular:

- Article 107 TFEU on State aids;
- Directive 92/43/EEC, under which Posidonia oceanica meadows are designated as a priority habitat and the Treaty of Barcelona, under Posidonia oceanica is classified as an endangered species;
- Directive 2001/42/EC, since, prior to the promulgation of Law 4062/2012 on the utilisation of the former Hellinikon Airport site, the procedural and other prerequisites of the directive were not met;
- The Aarhus Convention (access to information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters).

As well as the above EU legislation, the European Landscape Convention (Florence Convention) aimed at the protection, management and planning of all landscapes is also being infringed.

Despite the above infringements of EU law and the inquiries being conducted by prosecutors, proceedings for the transfer of the site are being expedited under the Eurogroup decision of 25 May 2016.

In view of this:

Can the Commission, as guardian of the Treaties, say what immediate measures it intends to take to ensure compliance with EU law and hence annulment of the transfer of the site by the HRADF to Lamda Development SA, which, as indicated above, is an infringement of EU law?

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