

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4217/09
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to the Commission

Subject: The renaming of villages in Albania

Albania, a country which wishes to accede to the European Union, has recently decided to rename all the villages in that part of Northern Epirus inhabited by the Greek ethnic minority: Greek names will be changed to Albanian names. This decision seeks to de-Hellenise these areas and is a violation of the human rights of this minority.

In view of the above, will the Commission say: is it aware of the Albanian Government's intention? If so, what does it intend to do to frustrate it?