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Subject: Demand by the troika for the ban on evictions to be revoked

On 11 June the European Parliament adopted the report by Karima Delli on social housing in the European Union. The report emphasises the inalienable right of European citizens to have access to decent housing, calls for measures at EU level to tackle the phenomenon of evictions and calls for the establishment of favourable rules for consumers concerning mortgages and debt avoidance.

However, due to the unexpected financial crisis, many Greek citizens have suffered a drastic reduction in income and as a result are unable to meet the mortgage obligations which they assumed when their financial capabilities were different from what they are now.

There is therefore an urgent need to solve the problem of mortgage loans (which are not being served due to unforeseen circumstances); in the meantime, a ban must be imposed on evictions until the recapitalisation of banks is completed and a rational solution is found to this problem.

However, the troika has announced that it will withdraw the ban on evictions.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

How does it view the fact that the troika is calling for the removal of this last measure protecting the property and dignity of Greek citizens, despite the fact that the European Parliament has adopted a report urging the Commission to move in the opposite direction on this issue?