

**Question for written answer E-004521/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Eleftherios Synadinos (NI)**

Subject: Return of stolen objects of cultural heritage and cultural interest

The Minister of Culture stated that the current Greek Government has officially and substantially abandoned the legal route to claim the Parthenon marbles, as it had been formed by previous Governments, and is seeking to restore confidence solely through diplomatic channels<sup>1,2,3</sup>.

In view of this:

- Is there an organised strategy on the return of stolen cultural heritage works among Member States?
- Is the Commission aware of similar cases of claim? Can it constructively contribute to resolving the dispute?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ekirikas.com/%CE%B8%CE%AD%CE%BB%CE%BF%CF%85%CE%BC%CE%B5-%CF%84%CE%B7-%CF%83%CF%84%CE%AE%CF%81%CE%B9%CE%BE%CE%B7-%CF%84%CE%B7%CF%82-%CE%BF%CE%BC%CE%BF%CE%B3%CE%AD%CE%BD%CE%B5%CE%B9%CE%B1%CF%82-%CE%BB-2/>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.huffingtonpost.gr/2017/03/21/culture-koniordou-h-ellada-egkataleipei-th-nomiki-odo-gia-ta-glypta-tou-parthenona\\_n\\_15508926.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.gr/2017/03/21/culture-koniordou-h-ellada-egkataleipei-th-nomiki-odo-gia-ta-glypta-tou-parthenona_n_15508926.html)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.kathimerini.gr/901410/article/epikairothta/ellada/h-ellada-egkataleipei-th-nomikh-odo-gia-ta-glypta-toy-par8enwna-kai-yio8etei-nea-strathgikh-apokalyye-h-koniordoy>