

Question for written answer E-005901/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Establishment of an EU 'spy academy'

In accordance with a decision by the Foreign Affairs Council and in the context of permanent structured cooperation (PESCO), the EU is promoting the establishment of a 'spy academy'; Greece has been put forward as the leader of the academy, with participation from Cyprus. The 'academy' will cooperate with NATO and the EU's security and intelligence services and will provide training to intelligence agency officers.

This is a dangerous development, supported by the SYRIZA-ANEL government, which also wants to be placed at the head of the repressive apparatus in question. Having already made it obvious that it wishes Greece to become one big EU/NATO haven, it now wants to consolidate the country as the centre for secret service activities and mechanisms.

At a time of heightened imperialist tug-of-war, the government is turning the country into a magnet for imperialist attacks, while the country's involvement in the imperialist scheming of the EU, the USA and NATO poses great risks.

In view of the above, will the High Representative say:

- What are the ultimate objectives of the 'academy' in question and what will Greece's involvement entail, exactly?
- Does she confirm press articles which state that the Greek government put itself forward for the 'spy academy' in question to be established in Greece and also participated in drafting the related proposal?