Question for written answer E-000389/2019 to the Commission

Rule 130

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Subject: Unacceptable debate about transferring even archaeological sites and cultural monuments to the 'privatisation Superfund'

The ongoing debate about transferring even archaeological sites and cultural monuments (e.g. Knossos, the White Tower, the Rotunda and many others) to the Hellenic Corporation of Assets and Participations (HCAP), Greece's privatisation Superfund, is highly provocative and dangerous.

Even discussing the concession, sale or private management of these invaluable historical and cultural assets which belong to the Greek people and are their heritage is an outrageous act of provocation. Anyone who decides on such measures will be accountable to future generations. Under pressure from protests on this issue, the government has belatedly issued a communication in the Greek Government Gazette, but this in no way detracts from its substance. If the budgetary targets are not met, there is no guarantee that unacceptable transfers of this kind will not reappear on the agenda in future.

Given that the transfer of state holdings is included in the third Memorandum between the Commission and the SYRIZA government, will the Commission say:

- 1. What measures are provided for in the agreement between the Troika and the government? Are archaeological monuments included in the lists of assets to be transferred to the Superfund or are they excluded? If they are excluded, is this binding and irreversible even if the budgetary targets agreed between the government and the creditors are not met and regardless of whether or not the Memorandum and post-Memorandum programme creditors can be paid off?
- 2. How does it view the fact that the transfer of public assets to the Superfund will have painful consequences for the people, for workers and for workers' rights?

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