

**Question for written answer E-002250/2021**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Undue delay and EU inaction to protect against unfair terms in Cypriot contracts

In his reply of 6 October 2020, Commissioner Reynders stated that in 2013 the Commission had launched infringement proceedings against Cyprus and, after finding that the Cypriot authorities were not properly applying Directive 93/13/EEC on unfair terms in contracts as no solution had been found to remedy all grievances, it resumed infringement proceedings in July 2019 by sending an additional letter of formal notice to Cyprus.

The infringement procedure's specific stages are set out in the EU Treaties. The Commission sends a formal letter requesting further information to the Member State concerned, which in turn has to send a reasoned reply within a specific deadline, usually two months. If the Commission concludes that the Member State fails to fulfil its obligations under Union law, it is entitled to send a reasoned opinion.

In the light of the above:

1. Why did the Commission fail to take any action for six years between 2013 and 2019 despite the Republic of Cyprus making no effort to comply with European Directive 93/13/EEC, which would have justified the delay in the EU's response?
2. What provision does EU legislation make for first homes sold in Cyprus between 2013 and 2019 on the basis of contracts containing unfair terms and for which no alternative accommodation was guaranteed by the State?