

**Question for written answer E-000570/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Derogatory remarks at the EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

During a livestreamed meeting of the Delegation to the EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly, which was also attended by Will MacFarlane, Director of Economics and Trade at the UK Mission to the EU, a representative of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement in the Secretariat-General of the Commission, publicly referred to the UK Government as 'those people who are in charge now' (said at around 2.54 p.m.). The German phrase he used not only has a clear derogatory connotation, but may well put a diplomatic strain on relations with the United Kingdom.

How will the Commission ensure that such diplomatic shortcomings are prevented in future?