

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2498/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Commissioner Frattini's behaviour during his visit to Romania in March

What is the Commission's view of the activities of Commissioner Frattini in Romania in March?

Surely he should refrain from expressing open and personal support for a former Communist prosecutor who has apparently transformed herself into a pillar of democratic reform which does not withstand close examination? Surely, also, he should refrain from seeking directly to influence a vote in the parliament of a Member State?

Mr Frattini intervened on a highly controversial issue which is of fundamental constitutional importance to the people of Romania. Was he even aware of the underlying threat to Romania, in that the proposal under discussion would have the effect of returning Romania to the status of a police state?

Is such an intervention appropriate behaviour for a vice-president of the Commission who has no such mandate and is himself an unelected official?

What action is being taken to ensure that Mr Frattini in future stays within the bounds of appropriate behaviour for an official when visiting Member States?