Question for written answer P-013591/2013 to the Commission Rule 117 Nikolaos Salavrakos (EFD)

Subject: Auctions of primary homes of Greek citizens

On 31 December 2013 the protection of mortgage borrowers in Greece from the auctioning of primary homes comes to an end. The newspaper 'Ethnos tis Kyriakis' has published a heated exchange between Greek officials and the Troika, which insists on the termination of the measure, during which a member of the Troika replies uncouthly to the Greek government: 'if you want to make social policy, build accommodation for the homeless.' This information has been relayed by all the Greek media, thereby understandably creating a climate of unease among the Greek public and stoking anti-European sentiment. This behaviour by the Troika, which is in breach of the rules of democracy and the European spirit, is being justly interpreted as an attempt to intervene in the domestic affairs of Greece, since, in defiance of common sense, it violates the principles underpinning Greek democracy and encroaches upon the powers of the Hellenic Parliament, while at the same time pushing Greek voters towards extremist parties.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- 1. Do members of the Troika have instructions (and from whom?) to intervene in Greece's internal affairs and to seek the overthrow of the existing constitutional order?
- 2. If not, do they have the basic intelligence to realise that any economic theory has to take into account first and foremost the social impact and social cohesion of any economic measure?

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