

**Question for written answer P-010719/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Inadmissible interference by the Commission President

In a recent interview,¹ the Commission President warned of the implications for Europe and Greece of a 'wrong result' in the Greek elections. When asked if he considered SYRIZA to be a 'radical force', he replied that he would prefer to see 'familiar faces' after the elections.

This comes in the wake of a previous official statement by Commission representative Annika Breidthard (10 December 2014) to the effect that the decision (by Prime Minister Samaras) to endorse the Greek presidential candidacy of Stavros Dimas, a former Commissioner and a convinced European, would help calm market jitters and send a strong signal to Europe'.

Given that Greece has now entered the run-up to the elections and given the supreme importance of presidential elections in any Member State:

- Does the Commission approve of its President's interference in the internal political processes of a Member State?
- What is the legal basis for this in the Treaties?
- Is there any historical precedent for the Commission supporting one of its former members seeking election to any office?

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