

**Question for written answer P-003117/2019  
to the Commission  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Auctioning of first homes and homeless people in Cyprus

First homes in Cyprus are being auctioned off apace with no comprehensive policies in place for the provision of alternative housing. Existing legal framework provisions governing mortgages serve the interests of banks to the full, while failing to protect vulnerable borrowers who may find themselves with little or no income. Furthermore, no guarantees are given regarding the self-evident right of all those affected to seek a stay in proceedings pending a court ruling on the admissibility of the total payment demanded.

The right to housing is an inalienable human right, enshrined in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reaffirmed in the European Convention on Human Rights.

The right to legal redress and a fair hearing is also an inalienable human right.

In view of this, what measures will the EU take to end infringements of the right to housing and the right to legal redress in Cyprus?

What steps will the Commission take to prevent any infringement of Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, to the effect that that the Union is founded on the values of respect for human rights?

