

**Question for written answer E-014832/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: European School Brussels III - Transfer of Greek Section

The Board of Governors of the European Schools is due to decide at its meeting of 1-3 December on the transfer of the Greek pupils at the Brussels III nursery school and in the first two years of the Brussels III Primary School to the Brussels I Berkendael Annex currently under construction. This will cause considerable disruption for the Greek section, with major consequences for its future development.

An ordinary 2/3 majority is currently being sought for the proposal, which is contrary to the Convention defining the Statute of the European Schools, in particular:

- Article 3(3)(a): 'Any proposal to modify the fundamental structure of a School shall require a unanimous vote of the Member State representatives on the Board of Governors'
- Article 9(1)(a): 'adoption of a decision affecting the specific interests of a Member State...shall require a favourable vote by the representative of that Member State;'

In view of this

1. Is the proposal by the European School Secretariat legally admissible? What alternatives have been considered by the Secretariat or the Commission before deciding on the compulsory transfer of Greek section?
2. Will the Commission disclose and explain the guidelines issued to its representative to the Board of Governors on how to vote?
3. Will the Commission urge the Belgian authorities to designate a site for a fifth European School in order to meet the needs of new language sections?