

**Question for written answer E-015227/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Relaxation of conditions governing foreclosures of primary residences in Greece

The SYRIZA-ANEL coalition in Greece has decided, together with the EU, ECB and IMF, to permit auctions of primary residences to pay off liabilities to banks and overdue debts to the tax office and has adopted a provision to this effect in the Hellenic Parliament. The fact that the conditions laid down dramatically reduce the number of families – even impoverished families – that may be able to avoid having their primary residences auctioned off is an act of provocation.

It should be noted that bank accounts are already being seized and foreclosures taking place to pay off debts to the State and dozens of seizure notices are being issued even for amounts as little as a few hundred euros.

Essentially, the coalition, the EU and the IMF have decided to throw thousands of ordinary working-class families out of their homes and to auction these homes off. Their aim is to secure profits for banks at a time when the latter are recapitalising with money that will again have to be provided by the Greek people, and these same families are being squeezed by soaring prices, unbearable taxes, cuts in wages and pensions, etc.

Since the Commission decided on all the above jointly with the Greek government, how does it respond to the fact that thousands of ordinary working class families are being evicted from their homes – thereby further aggravating their dramatic plight – in order to boost the profitability of banks?