

**Question for written answer P-007922/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Blocking of certain prerogatives of the interim President of Romania

In July 2012, the Romanian Parliament voted to suspend the President of Romania, Traian Băsescu, and launched a referendum on his dismissal.

As a result, responsibility for exercising his Presidential duties was transferred to an interim President.

The President of the European Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso, requested the interim President of Romania, Crin Antonescu, not to exercise certain of his constitutional prerogatives during that interim period, saying that the EU would impose penalties on Romania should he refuse.

Can the Commission state:

1. What the political justifications were for the peremptory request that the interim President of Romania not exercise all his constitutional prerogatives (e.g.: appointment of Chief Public Prosecutors, exercising of the right of pardon, replacement of the heads of the state's military institutions, etc.).
2. What the legal basis was for the request that the interim President of Romania should not exercise all his constitutional prerogatives (i.e. under which articles of the European Treaties can the European Commission limit the constitutional powers of the Heads of Member States)?