

**Question for written answer
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Parthenon Marbles to be returned after Brexit

The Parthenon Marbles that are exhibited in London, are considered by many to be a common cultural heritage in Europe. The 2,500-year-old marble sculptures were illegally removed from the Parthenon by Lord Elgin in the 1800s and were sold to the British Museum.

For years, Greece has been campaigning for the return of the Marbles, and the EP has, amongst others, voted a resolution in favour of their return.

Given the fact, that the United Kingdom is no more an EU member state:

How does the European Commission intend to protect European cultural heritage and support a Member State on its endeavour to have the Parthenon Marbles (a UNESCO world heritage) returned from the United Kingdom?

Does the European Commission intend to politically press towards a negotiation procedure for the return of the Marbles?