

**Question for written answer E-000135/2026
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Fierce Russian propaganda against the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

The direct and particularly ferocious attack and the insults against the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew by the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service confirms Russia's systematic political weaponisation of the Orthodox Church for spreading vile propaganda and challenges Orthodoxy as a supreme spiritual experience, as well as the fundamental right to freedom of religion and religious expression, as protected by the EU.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. What steps will it take to immediately and publicly condemn this outrageous propaganda and the personal attacks against the Ecumenical Patriarch?
2. If it does take condemnatory steps, can it incorporate them into the sanctions against Russia, thus also strengthening the defence of the universality of Orthodoxy?
3. Does it intend to promote resolutions or similar initiatives and actions aimed at mitigating and deterring attempts by states such as Russia to break, weaken and instrumentalise Orthodoxy?

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