

Question for written answer E-002664/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Glorification of the UPA and European values in Ukraine's accession process

In May 2026, the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, awarded the Independent Special Operations Centre 'North' of the Armed Forces of Ukraine the honorary title Heroes of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA). The UPA is a formation that, historically, bears responsibility for mass crimes carried out against civilians, most notably the genocide of Poles in Volhynia and Eastern Galicia, as well as the murder of Jews, Czechs, Armenians and Ukrainians who opposed its actions or provided assistance to its victims. The public glorification of such a formation by an EU candidate country raises serious questions in light of Article 2 TEU, which refers to human dignity, human rights and the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

In connection with the above:

1. Does the Commission consider the official commemoration of formations responsible for ethnic crimes and mass murders of civilians to be in line with the values set out in Article 2 TEU?
2. Will the Commission take into account the Ukrainian President's decision when assessing Ukraine's compliance with the Copenhagen political criteria, in particular as regards human rights and the protection of minorities?
3. Does the Commission intend to urge the Ukrainian authorities to withdraw this decision or to take measures to respect the memory of the victims of the UPA?

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