

**Question for written answer E-007572/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: New violations by Turkey of the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Cyprus

Following the directive issued to mariners on 3 October 2014 reserving areas within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Republic of Cyprus for seismic surveying work, the Turkish Foreign Ministry has issued a statement calling upon the Republic of Cyprus to avoid taking unilateral action in respect of the exploitation of hydrocarbon reserves within the Exclusive Economic Zone and to understand that whatever reserves are found there belong jointly to the two communities in Cyprus.

Given the ongoing talks to solve the Cyprus problem and the fact that Turkey is repeatedly guilty of comprehensively flouting international law and is intervening in areas where the Republic of Cyprus is already conducting drilling operations, will the Commission say what it intends to do to put a end to these illegal actions that are undermining the talks?