Question for written answer E-001018/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Lorenzo Fontana (NI)

Subject: Missing persons in Cyprus

Skevi Koukouma Koutra, Chairwoman of the Standing Committee on Refugees-Enclaved-Missing-Adversely Affected Persons of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus, made a presentation during the meeting of the LIBE Committee on 21 January 2015 reminding Members of the European Parliament of the tragic issue of missing persons in Cyprus.

Instead of lingering on the unfortunate matter itself – one which the Commission will certainly be aware of – the Chairwoman instead chose to concentrate on the judgment handed down by the European Court of Human Rights which ordered Turkey to pay compensation to relatives of the missing persons.

Such a brutal violation of human rights justly prompted the Court to rule in favour of the Cypriot victims.

In light of the above, can the Commission please answer the following questions:

- 1. What measures does it intend to adopt in the face of the complete lack of compensation paid by Turkey to the victims' families thus far?
- 2. Considering the billions of euros of EU funding allocated to Turkey over the years, can the Commission demand immediate payment of the compensation?

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