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to the Commission**

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Subject: The 1619 missing Greeks

During Turkey's illegal invasion of Cyprus in 1974 and the subsequent occupation of 37 % of the island, a multitude of war crimes were committed against the island's Greek community in a constant effort to Turkify a land which since Homeric times has been Greek.

In these circumstances, 1619 Greeks disappeared. Many of these missing persons were reportedly sent to prisons in Turkey. In the 1990s, it was confirmed on the basis of information gathered by Kurdish prison inmates that seven Cypriot Greeks were being held in a prison in Denizli (Laodicea) and six in a prison in Bolu (Vithinion). Nothing has been done to free them and allow them to return to their homes and families.

In the light of these circumstances, the Commission is asked to answer the following:

1. What will it do to ascertain the fate of the Greek Cypriots forcibly transferred to Turkey as prisoners of war?
2. What will it do to identify and help punish those found guilty of these acts?
3. In what way will these circumstances affect the process of Turkey's accession to the EU?