

Question for written answer E-001284/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: VP/HR - Turkish actions challenging Greek sovereign rights in the Aegean

Taking advantage of the impunity that characterises its relations with the EU, Turkey is continually flagrantly violating Greece's sovereign rights in the Aegean.

On 11 February 2016, following the issue by Greece of a NOTAM for a search and rescue operation in area of Kinaros island following the tragic Greek Navy helicopter crash which finally left all three naval officers dead, the Turkish authorities, in a completely provocative manner, issued NOTAM (A0701 / 16) asking to be informed about any movements in the region, thereby once more calling into question Greece's sovereign rights.

Moreover, a NOTAM (A0253 / 2016) issued on 19 January 2016 by the Turkish authorities questioned Greece's right to carry out military exercises in the vicinity of the island of Ikaria. Indeed, this Turkish NOTAM calls the island of Ikaria by its Turkish name, which is a violation of the Lausanne Treaty.

In view of the above, will the High Representative state what measures she will take to:

1. Condemn the above practice of illegally calling into question Greece's sovereign rights in the Aegean?
2. Oblige Turkey to respect international law?