

**Question for written answer E-004735/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Deepening of the EU-Turkey Customs Union

Has the European Commission suggested deepening the EU-Turkey Customs Union? How could this be possible when Turkey occupies the Republic of Cyprus, still has an embargo on the ships and aircraft of the Republic of Cyprus and has closed its airports and ports to an EU Member State, even though the additional protocol and its counter-declaration of 21 September 2005 stipulate that it ought to remove these and other measures and recognise the Republic of Cyprus? Despite Turkey repeatedly receiving recommendations on those issues, it has done nothing.

What is the Commission's view on Turkey's conduct, which could be seen as an attack not only on a Member State but also on the EU itself?