

Question for written answer E-004872/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Visa-free travel for Turkish citizens

According to reports, behind the scenes, the Commission and Turkey are discussing changes to the wording and rather than the substance of Turkey's anti-terror law as a condition for the visa waiver for Turkish citizens who visit countries in the EU. At the same time, Ankara is refusing to fulfil the basic condition of the deal, which is that it must cooperate with all Member States, including the Republic of Cyprus.

Has the Commission obtained a commitment from Turkey that its position on Cyprus has changed and that it will recognise the Republic of Cyprus and stop considering it defunct?