

Question for written answer E-007848/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: VP/HR - Condemnation of provocative statements made by Turkey's President, Erdogan, which dispute the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne and related Greek sovereign rights

On 29 September 2016 and again on 17 October 2016, Turkey's President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, in provocative and dangerous statements, raised the issue of revising the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne, disputing Greek sovereign rights and the recognition of the Aegean Islands, Crete, Northern Greece and Thrace as Greek.

Other Turkish officials, including the Mayor of Ankara, have also made such statements that dispute history and international law, on the basis of which Greek sovereign rights over those areas have been established.

Furthermore, during September and October 2016, both Greek airspace and territorial waters were repeatedly violated by Turkish fighter aircraft and submarines.

In view of the above, what initiatives is the VP/HR planning to take to:

1. Immediately and unreservedly condemn the challenge to the above Greek sovereign rights officially expressed by Recep Tayyip Erdogan and other Turkish officials?
2. Ensure that Turkey will be pressed to uphold international law and the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne?