Question for written answer E-004648/2017 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Takis Hadjigeorgiou (GUE/NGL)

Subject: VP/HR - Erdogan statements on resolving the Cyprus issue outside UN parameters

After the G20 summit in Hamburg, President Erdogan said that 'there is no point carrying on the effort to solve the Cyprus problem within the parameters of the UN'.

That statement, combined with a similar statement given by Foreign Minister Mr Çavuşoğlu following the failed talks at the Crans-Montana Conference, are cause for serious concern.

They do not help with reaching a potential solution and they jeopardise any future efforts to resolve the Cyprus issue.

Considering the statements made by EU officials on providing support and assistance to the UN, and the Secretary-General's 'good offices' for the solution of the Cyprus issue:

Can the Commission say:

- 1. Does the EU have any position on the matter?
- 2. Is there any action that the EU can take to force Turkey to return to the agreed framework where efforts are being made to find a solution to the Cyprus issue?