

**Question for written answer E-001495/2019  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Attempts by Turkish fighter jets to buzz the Prime Minister's helicopter on Greece's national holiday

On 25 March 2019, on the anniversary of the Greek War of Independence of 1821 when Greece liberated itself from the Turkish yoke, two Turkish fighter jets crossed into Athens FIR between Chios and Samos and attempted to buzz the helicopter that was taking the Greek Prime Minister to festivities held in Agathonisi. The Turkish fighter jets came within four nautical miles of the helicopter, flying at an altitude of 6 000 feet, before being intercepted by Greek fighter jets and forced to pull back<sup>1</sup>.

1. What does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy make of this unprecedented act of aggression?
2. How will it respond to Turkey's apparent determination to step up its intimidatory tactics against Greece and Cyprus, ignoring the EU's repeated calls to stop?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://newpost.gr/amyna/5c98efbf708ec35e3c4aad47/pos-egine-i-protofanis-toyrkiki-proklisi-se-varos-toy-elikopteroy-toy-prothypoyrgoy>