

**Question for written answer E-001800/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Demographic shift in Cyprus

Turkish Cypriot leader Mustafa Akıncı¹ has recently issued a number of statements expressing great concern at what he describes as the growing number of 'naturalisations' in occupied Cyprus, with 'Interior Ministry' figures showing a population increase from 220 000 to 350 000 in three-and-a-half years (2016-2019).

At the same time, the EU and the European Parliament have drawn up numerous reports denouncing Turkey's systematic attempt to alter the demographic balance of the Cyprus through a policy of illegal settlements in its occupied territories.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission monitoring the situation in view of its implications for any attempts to resolve the Cyprus problem?
2. Will it make representations to the Turkish Government with a view to ending such an unlawful policy, which is effectively undermining any hopes of a solution?

¹ http://www.brtk.net/?english_posts=akinci-speaks-on-trnc-population