

**Question for written answer P-001657/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Request for sanctions against Turkey for conducting exercises with live ammunition 28 km from the coast of Paphos

On 4 March 2017 the Turkish armed forces issued NAVTEX 275/17 from Antalya in order to conduct exercises using live ammunition in an area of 340 square kilometres west of Paphos within block 1 of Cyprus's EEZ, just 28 km from the port of Paphos. Turkey failed to inform the Republic of Cyprus, an EU Member State, as it should have done.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- As the EU's highest institution, how will it protect a Member State part of whose territory is under occupation and which is under constant threat from the Turkish armed forces?
- Will the EU impose sanctions on Turkey along the lines of the sanctions imposed on Russia over Crimea?