

**Question for written answer P-000321/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Turkish attack on the Afrin region of Syria

Foreign news agencies are reporting that, a few hours ago, Turkey launched a ground offensive against the Afrin region of Syria.

In view of this:

Can the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy say whether she intends to condemn the attack by Turkey in the strongest and most direct terms?

What action will she take with a view to securing an immediate end to Turkish operations and withdrawal by Turkey from Syrian territory?

Does she agree that the recent actions by Turkey are seriously compromising regional stability in Syria and the surrounding area and undermining current EU commitment and support for a political solution - this being the only way to restore peace in Syria - rather than war?