

**Question for written answer P-000923/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: EU condemnation of Turkish acts of provocation in the area around Imia

Turkey is continuing to issue statements challenging the sovereign rights of Greece in the Aegean Sea, accompanied by a series of provocative and dangerous actions. Yesterday (13 February 2018), a Turkish patrol vessel, which had entered Greek waters close to Imia, rammed a stationary Greek Coast Guard vessel (co-funded by the EU) in an attempt to sink it, causing serious damage.

Following delusional claims by Kemal Kilicdaroglu on 18 Greek islands in the Aegean, the Turkish leadership continued to contest the Treaty of Lausanne, directly threatening war with Greece.

It is effectively exploiting the impunity it enjoys thanks to its relations with the EU in a bid to provoke a crisis with Greece in the Aegean, racking up tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean and openly challenging yet again the borders with Greece and the provisions of the Treaty of Lausanne.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say what measures she intends to take to oblige Turkey to comply with international law and cease contesting the sovereign rights of Greece?

What action will she take to ensure that the Commission deducts the cost of repairs to the Greek Coast Guard vessel from EU funding for Turkey?