

**Question for written answer P-002485/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Cracks in the base of the Akkuyu nuclear reactor

According to international media reports, cracks have appeared in the base on which the Akkuyu nuclear reactor is to be installed next May. Prominent seismologists have repeatedly maintained that Akkuyu (located on Turkey's Mediterranean coast opposite Cyprus) is in an earthquake-prone area and that a nuclear reactor should not be built there under any circumstances. Given the political instability in the eastern Mediterranean as a whole, given the established inability of Turkey, a country with limited technical expertise and financial and scientific capacity, to respond in the event of an accident, given that it has not yet signed the Espoo Convention and given, finally, its persistent refusal to provide information about the plant to neighbouring countries, as required by international practice, will the Commission say:

Taking into account the adverse crossborder environmental consequences of the project and in particular the concerns felt by Cyprus and Greece due to the plant's proximity to these two countries,

What actions has it taken to:

prevent the construction of the nuclear power plant?

prevail upon the Turkish government to sign the Espoo Convention, under which the Turkish government would be obliged to cooperate with or at least consult neighbouring countries, such as Greece and Cyprus, regarding any future developments at the nuclear power plant?

schedule a new fact-finding mission to Cyprus (such as 2015) to evaluate what emergency measures are required to monitor radiation?

