**Question for written answer E-000149/2018**

**to the Commission**

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Subject: Tension in the Republic of Cyprus's EEZ

The Turkish war machine, in particular the Turkish Navy, has recently been stoking tension in the EEZ of the Republic of Cyprus, an EU Member State, on account of hydrocarbon exploration operations, hydrocarbons being a source of wealth including for the EU.

Has the EU been formally apprised of this matter by the Republic of Cyprus and has it been asked to take measures or is the EU expected to take measures on its own initiative, and if so which measures, in order to defend its own law and its own interests in Cyprus?