

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4702/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Commissioner Rehn's tactics vis-à-vis representatives of the pseudo-state

On 11 September 2007 Commissioner Olli Rehn received Mr Pertev (adviser to the representative of the Turkish Cypriots, Mr Talat) in his office in Brussels. The press is reporting that this represents a change in the Commission's stance, since until recently Mr Rehn had talked only to Mr Talat, whilst now he is clearly prepared to hold face-to-face meetings even with collaborators of the representative of the pseudo-state constituted by the occupied territories in Cyprus.

What does the Commissioner's attitude signify? Was the Cypriot side informed in advance of this personal choice by Mr Olli Rehn, which undeniably creates strange associations and does nothing to enhance the EU's image?