

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6446/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Measures to resolve the Cyprus problem

Talks between the Cypriot leader Mr Dimitris Christofias and the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community Mr Mehmet Ali Talat are continuing and it is hoped by all that they will lead to a practicable and sustainable solution to the Cyprus problem.

It is essential that the solution found be fully compatible with Community law, given that the reunified Republic of Cyprus will be required to comply with all primary and secondary European Union legislation.

- Does the Commission agree that permanent exemptions to Community law should not apply in the reunified Republic of Cyprus and that the waiver regarding the implementation of the Community acquis should be lifted in the currently occupied territories under Protocol 10 of the Treaty on the Accession of Cyprus to the EU?
- At what stage of the talks does it intend to make known its official position on this matter?