

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4219/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Violations of Greek airspace by Turkish fighter planes

Turkey has been violating Greek airspace on a daily basis with armed fighter planes flying over inhabited Greek islands; these encroachments have been steadily escalating. At the same time, the Turkish State, probably to defuse the internal tension in the country stoked by constant trials of political and military figures, has been casting doubt on Greek sovereignty over Greek islands and islets (such as Farmakonisi, Agathonisi and Ro).

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. What view does it take of Turkey's questioning of the sovereignty of the territory of an EU Member State?
2. What does it intend to do about this situation?
3. Does it consider that the borders of Greece are the also borders of the EU? If so, how does it intend to secure them?