

**Question for written answer E-012969/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Sophocles Sophocleous (S&D)**

Subject: Uncontrolled quarrying on Mount Pentadaktylos

Orhan Aydeniz, chairman of the 'Cyprus Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats', has again brought to public attention the irreparable environmental damage being done to the Pentadaktylos mountain range.

As Dr Aydeniz says, this is an urgent issue and immediate action is needed to prevent further destruction.

Despite the fact that the Community *acquis* remains suspended in the occupied part of Cyprus, the Commission is able and has a duty to exert pressure on the pseudo-state to protect the area. Does it intend to do so?

Does the Commission intend to launch an initiative aimed at generally protecting the environment in the occupied territories until such time as a solution is found to the Cyprus problem?