

**Question for written answer E-005427/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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In answer to the above question, the Commission referred to the Council conclusions of 17 December 2013, stating that Turkey needs to commit itself unequivocally to good neighbourly relations and to the peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the United Nations Charter, having recourse, if necessary, to the International Court of Justice. The Union had expressed serious concern, and urged Turkey to avoid any kind of threat or action directed against a Member State and to avoid any sources of friction or any actions that could damage good neighbourly relations and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission consider that Turkey has responded favourably to EU admonitions?
2. If its only response has been further provocation, threats and challenges to the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus (such as the presence of the exploration vessel *Barbaros* within its exclusive economic zone), why is the Commission recommending the opening of further negotiating chapters?
3. Aside from admonitions and appeals to Turkey, what other specific, concrete and effective measures can the Commission take with a view to ensuring compliance by Turkey with its obligations to the Republic of Cyprus and the EU?