

Question for written answer E-002093/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - The naval blockade adopted by Turkey over the Italian drillship SAIPEM 12000 (ENI) in the Cypriot Exclusive Economic Zone and the related breach of public international law

According to the commercial agreement between Cyprus and the Italian firm ENI, the drillship SAIPEM 12000 was operating legitimately in Cyprus's offshore maritime zone at the time of the Turkish blockade.

As a consequence of the Turkish blockade, the commercial agreement between the Italian company and Cyprus cannot give rise to the rights and obligations acknowledged therein.

Given the arbitrary act of coercion enacted by the Turkish state and the consequent violation of international public law, the Vice-President / High Representative is asked:

How does the European External Action Service intend to proceed in order to prevent future violations of public international law that might endanger the interests of European countries?