

Question for written answer E-005864/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Unlawful actions by Turkish military troops to the detriment of Greek-Cypriot farmers in Cyprus' buffer zone

Once again confirming its arbitrary, provocative and unlawful policy, Turkey entered the buffer zone of the Republic of Cyprus and with the force of weapons prohibited Greek-Cypriot farmers from cultivating their land.

In this way, Turkish armed forces have arbitrarily violated the law because inhabitants of the Deneia area have cultivated their land in the buffer zone for years with to permission from UNFICYP.

Once again, Turkish forces are provocatively and arbitrarily trying to create a new fait accompli in the buffer zone by breaking the law and breaching the arrangements made with the United Nations.

I believe that the EU has a duty to intervene and defend the law and lawfulness in relation to the Turkish forces' acts against the Greek Cypriots.

Human rights violations against Greek Cypriots, who are European citizens, are intolerable and unacceptable.

The EU is asked to put a stop to the provocative actions by the Turkish forces because Turkey greatly depends on the pre-accession assistance it receives from the EU.

In view of this, can the Commission say:

- How it intends to address the arbitrary actions by the Turkish forces in the buffer zone of the Republic of Cyprus?
- How will it protect the rights of Greek Cypriot farmers, who are feeling the effects of the occupying regime?