

Question for written answer E-002661/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Provocations by Turkey and the pseudo-state

The recent interference by Turkey's vassal administration in occupied Cyprus with the aim of opening up and colonising the closed-off city of Famagusta under its own 'administration' is an infringement of the United Nations resolutions and decisions relating to the city.

The return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants under UN administration was envisaged by UN Security Council Resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992) and adopted in the Committee on Petitions Report of 17 July 2008, the European Parliament Declaration of 14 February 2012 and the latest European Parliament Resolution of 6 July 2017. Moreover, the 1979 High Level Agreement signed by the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Spyros Kyprianou, and the Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktas, makes explicit reference to the return of the town to its lawful inhabitants.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Is it aware of the provocative actions being carried out by Turkey and the occupying regime while efforts are being made to reopen negotiations?
2. What measures does it intend to take to counter these illegal actions with regard to Famagusta?