

**Question for written answer E-002913/2019  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Multiculturalism in education

On 6 September 2019, the headteacher of a Cyprus high school expelled a student for wearing a hijab, saying that schools in Cyprus were not breeding grounds for the Taliban.<sup>1</sup>

The Ministry of Education opened an investigation into the incident and the headteacher was transferred to an afternoon school. Yet in what was undeniably a high-profile move, the Minister of Education has arranged a meeting with the student and the headteacher to address these issues. However, instead of reconciling the offender and the victim merely to gain kudos, it would be preferable to promote policies that will consolidate and deepen acceptance of diversity, multiculturalism and solidarity in our societies.

Can the Commission say what measures it intends to take to further promote tolerance, acceptance of diversity and multiculturalism in education?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.philenews.com/koinonia/eidiseis/article/775404/katakavg-ga-ton-sepo-kai-ti-man>