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**Subject:** Military cooperation agreement between Turkey and Libya

On 27 November 2019, in Istanbul, Turkey and Libya initialled an agreement on military cooperation and the demarcation of the maritime border between the two countries, drawing a line between their respective economic zones in the Mediterranean.

The agreement has already been condemned by the governments of Greece and Cyprus, as it covers an area claimed by Athens and Nicosia and through which a pipeline connecting gas fields in the eastern Mediterranean with European markets is due to pass.

The agreement was discussed at the Nato summit held on 6 December 2019.

The consequences for the EU could be serious, as Turkey could use the agreement to compel European companies, for example, to abandon the exploration of gas deposits in Cyprus's territorial waters, and thus in European waters, where the Turks are already engaged in illegal drilling.

In the light of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What steps will it take to defend the national interests of the Member States, and therefore of the EU as a whole?
2. Will it break off the accession negotiations with and end the supply of funding to Turkey once and for all?