

**Question for written answer E-004447/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Illegal travel through Ercan Airport

The travel company 'first-voyages' ¹ arranges package tours from France to Cyprus with direct flights to the illegal airport of Ercan.

This is not the first time private businesses and travel agencies have undertaken advertising campaigns and promoted the occupied territories of the Republic of Cyprus as a tourist destination, as in recent years there has also been a concerted campaign to promote tourism in the occupied territories through posters in public places in the United Kingdom.

Given that the promotional material misleadingly and illegally refers to the territories of the Republic of Cyprus occupied and controlled by Turkey as 'northern Cyprus', even though the Republic of Cyprus is the only internationally recognised State on the island, and given that private companies are obliged to comply with international agreements and respect human rights which are universally guaranteed and most of the accommodation and facilities being promoted belongs to Cypriot refugees, will the Commission say:

What can it do to stop this illegal campaign which abuses the right to do business, spreads disinformation and exploits Cypriot citizens' property through advertising?

¹ <https://www.first-voyages.fr/voyages/chypre/>.