

**Question for written answer E-004744/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: Imposition of sanctions on Turkey

As Turkey continues to ramp up its illegal encroachments in Aegean and eastern Mediterranean waters, the Greek Government has, over the past few days, been engaged in a diplomatic marathon in a bid to protect its sovereign rights and rally the EU behind a comprehensive joint response.

In particular, the Turkish research vessel Oruç Reis has, for the third time in one week, illegally entered Greek waters. At the same time, Turkish fighter aircraft are flying dozens of daily missions encroaching on Greek airspace over the entire eastern Aegean.

Greece has consistently favoured compliance with the international rule of law, seeking to resolve matters through diplomatic channels, in a bid to de-escalate the tensions deliberately created by Turkey through its repeated power games in European territory. In view of this:

1. Will the EU take the necessary measures to end immediately illegal activities by Turkey and will it adopt a concerted and coordinated approach to this end, as circumstances require?
2. Will it proceed forthwith to impose specific sanctions on Turkey, including those targeting key sectors of its economy?