

**Question for written answer E-005550/2020
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy**

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Subject: Turkish Government's decision to open the Varosha coast

The decision by Erdoğan's government to open the Varosha coast in occupied Famagusta is an escalation of Turkish provocation. It is linked to Turkey's intention to continue its occupation of 37% of Cyprus and to promote a dichotomous solution to the Cyprus issue being negotiated by the EU, the US and NATO.

The Turkish bourgeoisie is attempting to boost its position in the South-Eastern Mediterranean and to stake its share of the EU, US and NATO-backed interventions in Syria, Libya and Iraq, while carrying out military interventions alongside Azerbaijan in the conflict with Armenia. It is leveraging the Euro-Atlantic Strategy to keep Turkey in the western camp, encouraging it to be provocative in order to limit Russian influence.

The situation in the wider region is risky as the economic crisis is intensifying competition and nationalism in the pursuit of corporate profits. Not only do EU and NATO actions not guarantee sovereign rights, but in practice they pave the way to promote the joint exploitation of the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean, which is damaging for its peoples.

In view of the above, what is the VP/HR's position regarding the request to bring an end to the opening of the Varosha coast and the plans for a dichotomous solution to the Cyprus issue in order to end the 46-year occupation of 37% of the Republic of Cyprus?