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to the Commission**

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Subject: Introduction of radical Islamic teachings in Turkish education

As Europe stands united against terrorism,

no one should forget that it is frequently the target of attacks by Islamic fundamentalists that were recently ramped up into a veritable wave of terror in France, Austria and Europe as a whole soon after the dispute between President Macron and President Erdogan of Turkey came to a head.

Erdogan is now introducing the concept of Jihad (Islamic holy war) in school textbooks that portray it as a glorious act of heroism and self-sacrifice.

Education is the very foundation of a nation. While European textbooks teach the values of social justice, equal rights and, above all, humanism, the President of Turkey is preaching Islamic fundamentalism.

In Cyprus, it is a matter of great concern that a considerable number of these manuals have found their way into the schools of the pseudo-state.

In light of the above:

1. Will the Commission take action in response to such incitement to fanaticism on the part of Erdogan?
2. What view does it take of such outright rejection of European principles and values on the part of a country applying for EU membership?