

**Question for written answer E-002949/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Turkish drone base to be located in occupied Cyprus

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan has personally announced that a permanent base for Turkish unmanned aircraft (drones), with or without ordnance, is to be located at the illegal military airport in occupied Lefkoniko. In fact, the base is scheduled to open on 20 July, the 47th anniversary of the Turkish invasion.

This is yet another act of provocation by Turkey that is impacting on the wider Eastern Mediterranean area and compromising any prospects of a solution to the Cyprus problem.

In view of the unlawful acts repeatedly committed by Turkey on a unilateral basis and to the detriment of the EU Member States:

1. Can the Commission say what action it will take to prevent these unlawful moves in occupied Cyprus?
2. In view of Turkey's increasing disregard for EU principles and values, will it recommend that accession negotiations be formally suspended, as called for in the latest European Parliament report on Turkey?