

**Question for written answer E-003233/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Illegal landing of a drone in Lefkoniko

Back in December 2019, we warned the European Commission of the landing of a Turkish drone in Lefkoniko. This raises enormous questions regarding the purpose behind the deployment of this type of military aircraft in occupied Cyprus and

has implications for both the safety of European civil aviation and the situation in the wider Eastern Mediterranean region. The Turkish President has now announced that the Lefkoniko military airfield is to be used as a permanent base for fully armed drones.

It is being reported that, in an act of deliberate provocation, President Erdogan himself is scheduled to arrive in occupied Cyprus to inaugurate the illegal airbase on 20 July, 47 years to the day after the Turkish invasion and capture of 37% of Cyprus, a highly symbolic date.

Can the Commission say what action has been taken to counter these dangerous and illegal moves being planned by by Ankara in occupied Cyprus and what will be its response to the new situation created by President Erdogan?