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to the Commission**

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Subject: Illegal citizenships granted by Turkey and its subordinate local administration

The Republic of Turkey and its subordinate local administration in northern Cyprus have for some years been pursuing a policy of demographic engineering involving granting TRNC (Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus) citizenship to Turkish citizens.

Recently there has been an increasing tendency toward this practice and more Turkish citizens have become TRNC citizens with political rights. This is blatant interference in the political will of Turkish Cypriots.

The actions of the Republic of Turkey and its subordinate local administration are turning the northern part of Cyprus (an EU territory) into Turkey's hinterland, their aim being to destroy the prospect of reunifying Cyprus as a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation, which is the only realistic solution to the Cyprus conflict.

What measures will the EU take to stop this illegal policy, in order to protect the rights of Turkish Cypriots and ensure there is still a chance of reunifying the island?