

**Question for written answer E-005071/2021**  
**to the Council**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: EUNAVFOR MED IRINI: refusal of Turkish vessels to undergo inspection

Since EUNAVFOR MED IRINI was launched (by Council decision) on 31 March 2020 six Turkish-flagged vessels have refused to have their cargo inspected.

As Turkey is actively intervening in the Libyan Civil War by supplying arms, troops and military advisers to Prime Minister Dbeidah, it is only too clear why these vessels refused to be inspected by EUNAVFOR MED IRINI.

1. What sanctions will the Council take against Turkey following the refusal of Turkish vessels to undergo inspection?
2. Does the Council intend to change the rules of engagement to force Turkish-flagged vessels to allow EUNAVFOR MED IRINI inspectors on board or to prevent them from entering Libyan territorial waters?