Question for written answer E-003513/2022 to the Commission Rule 138 Niyazi Kizilyürek (The Left)

Subject: Turkish Cypriots and Cypriot nationality

Article 6(1) of the European Convention on Nationality adopted by the Council of Europe in 1997 clearly states that 'Each State Party shall provide in its internal law for its nationality to be acquired ex lege by the following persons: a. children one of whose parents possesses, at the time of the birth of these children, the nationality of that State Party, subject to any exceptions which may be provided for by its internal law as regards children born abroad'.

However, Cyprus has not signed and ratified the convention.

This means that thousands of Turkish Cypriot children, one of whose parents held Cypriot citizenship at the time of birth, are now being denied this right owing to insurmountable obstacles and difficulties created by the Republic of Cyprus.

In view of this: Can the Commission say what measures it will take to end this gross infringement of the human rights of thousands of Turkish Cypriots?