

**Question for written answer E-003499/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Turkish provocation in Agios Dometios

While the Republic of Cyprus is making every possible diplomatic effort to revive talks concerning the Cyprus question, advocating a peaceful solution to the problem, on Monday 27 November 2023, in yet another act of provocation, Türkiye and the occupation forces it deployed in Cyprus after it invaded the country in 1974 occupied a section of the so-called 'dead zone' (buffer zone) in the Agios Dometios suburb of Nicosia and proceeded to install a camera and antenna on a derelict house.

It is patently obvious that Türkiye and the illegal regime in the occupied territories are seeking to alter the status quo, jeopardising all efforts being made towards a peaceful resolution of the Cyprus question, and are trying to intimidate the residents of the so-called border areas. The illegal acts committed by the occupying forces are part of a broader provocative, aggressive, expansionist and dangerous path on which Türkiye has set itself, threatening the peace of the entire Eastern Mediterranean.

In view of this:

1. What does the Commission plan to do regarding Türkiye's intention to alter the status quo in occupied Cyprus?
2. What measures will it take to protect the sovereign rights of Cyprus as a fully-fledged EU Member State?
3. What steps does it intend to take to reverse the above-mentioned illegal acts?

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