

**Question for written answer E-000181/2024**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Türkiye's illegal drilling in the EEZ of Greece and Cyprus

In a statement issued from the Libyan capital, Tripoli, Türkiye's energy minister said that, in the context of the illegal memorandum of understanding between Türkiye and Libya, Türkiye stands ready to commence operations within Libya's maritime zone, sending a reminder of Türkiye's 'rights' in the Eastern Mediterranean.

In an amendment to the Recommendation on the situation in Libya approved on 23 November 2022, the European Parliament formally decided that the memorandum of understanding on the delimitation of maritime jurisdictions in the Mediterranean Sea, signed between Libya and Türkiye, does not comply with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and therefore cannot produce any legal consequences for third states.

It also calls on the Libyan authorities to proceed with the cancellation of the 2019 memorandum of understanding between Türkiye and Libya, urging them not to implement any clause included in the subsequent agreement on hydrocarbons signed on 3 October 2022, which provides for illegal drilling activities in third countries' exclusive economic zones, including those of Cyprus and Greece.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of these statements?
2. What action and what steps will it take in order to prevent the illegal drilling activities in the EEZ of Greece and Cyprus from going ahead?

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