

**Question for written answer E-000548/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Occupying forces are hindering freedom of education

The occupying forces in Cyprus are seriously hampering the proper functioning of the school in Rizokarpaso. Members of the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education were also informed about the fact that the occupying forces, instructed by Ankara, are censoring school books and the school curriculum and teachers working in the occupied territories are being monitored.

In view of this:

1. What steps is the Commission taking to protect the trapped pupils in Rizokarpaso and their unencumbered right to freedom of education?
2. In what way is it considering putting pressure on Türkiye to stop this interference since it is detrimental to democracy and human rights?

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