

ORAL QUESTION H-0097/07  
for Question Time at the part-session in March 2007  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Yiannakis Matsis  
to the Commission

Subject:       Illegal sale and purchase of property in the occupied northern part of Cyprus

In connection with a discussion in the Committee on Petitions (Petition No. 665/2006) on the need to protect property rights in the European Union and the western Balkans, will the Commission answer the following related question: Does it intend to protect the individual rights of European citizens and put an end to the illegal purchase and sale of land and immovable property in the occupied northern part of Cyprus where, according to judgments by the European Court of Human Rights, Turkey controls and has responsibility for the situation by virtue of the illegal presence of its army on the island? If so, which measures does it intend to take? Is Turkey, a candidate country for accession to the European Union, to be allowed to violate the individual rights of the citizens of one or more Member States of the EU?

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