

ORAL QUESTION H-0231/08
for Question Time at the part-session in April 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Illegal visit by Yaşar Büyükanıt to occupied Cyprus

On 26-29 March, the Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish armed forces, Yaşar Büyükanıt, is making an illegal visit to the Turkish-occupied northern sector of the Republic of Cyprus, a Member State of the European Union. How does the Commission intend to respond, bearing in mind that it is inconceivable that a country applying for membership of the EU should continue to occupy territory of a Member State of the EU? Does the Commission condemn Büyükanıt's illegal visit? In what practical ways is the Commission supporting the Republic of Cyprus in terms of EU principles and the policy of solidarity?

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