

**Question for written answer P-006245/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Exclusion of Turkish Cypriot pupils from Turkish universities

The Supreme Educational Foundation of Turkey has decided that Turkish pupils with GCE A Levels will be admitted to Turkey's 89 universities, except those who have attended schools on the free territory of the Republic of Cyprus. As the 'minister' of the illegal Turkish Cypriot regime has stated, the purpose of this decision is to reduce the number of Turkish Cypriot pupils who attend schools in the free areas, despite the fact that the school leaving certificates issued by these schools are recognized worldwide.

What is the Commission's position on the above decision?