Question for written answer P-009486/2011 to the Commission Rule 117 Kyriakos Mavronikolas (S&D)

Subject: 'Agreement' between Turkey and the occupying regime

It has been reported that Turkey has concluded an 'agreement' with the occupying regime in Cyprus regarding the 'delimitation of territorial waters', which runs counter to international law and UN Security Council resolutions.

This is yet another example of brinkmanship on the part of Turkey, which is seeking to carve up the eastern Mediterranean, establishing unilaterally its exclusive economic zone without taking account of the legal entitlements of the EU Member States, Cyprus and Greece, and other neighbouring countries.

An immediate EU response is therefore called for, making it abundantly clear that such actions are inadmissible and an infringement of European law.

What are the Commission's views on this matter?

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