

**Question for written answer P-004306/2013/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Organisation of a teachers' conference in the occupied territories of Cyprus

On 17 - 18 May 2013 the European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) is holding an international conference in occupied Ammochostos on 'Peace education in schools: The role of teachers in promoting peace through awareness raising and information on conflict prevention and conflict resolution in divided societies'. It should be noted that the SALAMIS BAY Hotel, where the conference is taking place, is the property of a Greek Cypriot refugee.

The organisation of this conference in the occupied part of Cyprus constitutes a breach of international law and UN Security Council resolutions and also constitutes implicit recognition of the illegal regime and the Turkish invasion.

Furthermore, delegates will be flying to Ercan airport, an illegal airport, which violates the International Civil Aviation Organization and EUROCONTROL agreements.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- Will it bring pressure to bear on the ETUCE with a view to ensuring that this conference is not held in the occupied territories?
- Does it condemn the holding of the conference in the occupied part of Cyprus?
- Has it ever given any funding to the ETUCE? If so, will it cease doing so given that the ETUCE is infringing a number of regulations and resolutions supported by the EU?
- Does it intend to discourage such unauthorised activities by any organisation associated with the EU institutions?