

**Question for written answer P-012986/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Statements by Erdoğan on Cyprus

The Turkish Prime Minister, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, said recently in Poland that 'there is no such country as Cyprus'. This statement by the Turkish Prime Minister is contrary to the EU declaration of 21 September 2005 and UN Security Council Resolutions 541 and 550.

Will the Commission take action against Turkey, which, although a candidate country for accession, is continuing to occupy EU territory and is violating the Community *acquis* and international law?

How can Turkey ask for new chapters to be opened when it refuses to recognise the Republic of Cyprus and how will the Commission defend Member States from such attacks?

Is this a constructive contribution to efforts to solve the Cyprus problem?