

**Question for written answer E-001740/2024/rev.1
to the Council**
Rule 144
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Subject: EU failure to act against the 50-year occupation of Cyprus

Ever since its illegal military invasion in 1974, Türkiye has been occupying more than 36% of the territory of Cyprus, in breach of every concept of law.

It now maintains some 35 000 soldiers in the Occupied Territories. Their pseudo-state, still with the support of Türkiye, has been steadily and methodically settling the Occupied Territories with Turks, continuing to grant them pseudo-nationality and thereby distorting the demographic character of the population.

At present, there are 160 000 illegal settlers living in the Occupied Territories.¹ The EU effectively leaves Türkiye unpunished for these crimes against a Member State, Cyprus, the whole of which (including the Occupied Territories) has been EU territory since it joined the Union.

In view of the above, can the Council answer the following:

1. What explanation is there for the impunity Türkiye enjoys in respect of its systematic crimes against a Member State, as opposed to the measures and sanctions imposed on Russia for its invasion of a non-Member State (Ukraine)?
2. Does the EU intend to impose matching sanctions on Türkiye for the above crimes?
3. By what specific measures does the EU plan to protect Cyprus against Turkish aggression?

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¹ <https://mfa.gov.cy/turkish-military-invasion-and-occupation.html>