

Question for written answer E-001745/2024/rev.1

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Need for Türkiye to recognise the Republic of Cyprus so that it can take part in meetings of the European Union institutions

We have observed with regret the participation of the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr Hakan Fidan, in the European Union's Foreign Affairs Council and the unacceptable demands he put forward in the course of its proceedings.

We would point out that this is at the very time when, in Cyprus, the illegal occupation by Türkiye continues, backed up by the threat of arms. These developments circumvent the EU itself and contravene its fundamental values, such as freedom of movement and respect for sovereign rights.

We find it difficult to understand how the participation of Mr Fidan is allowed, when his country not only does not recognise all the Member States of the EU but, at the same time, systematically violates the principles and rules of the Union, for example by infringements relating to the customs union and the unfair competition caused by the Turkish embargo.

1. Can you explain to us what justification there can be for Mr Fidan's participation in meetings of the Foreign Affairs Council under these circumstances?
2. When a state shows disrespect for the European Union by not recognising one of its Member States, which the Republic of Cyprus is, how can it participate in the Union's institutions?

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