

Question for written answer E-001805/2024

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

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Subject: Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan's participation in the informal meeting of EU Foreign Affairs Ministers in Brussels on 29 August

The participation of Turkish Foreign Minister, Hakan Fidan, in the informal meeting of EU Foreign Affairs Ministers in Brussels on 29 August this year was, among other things, a gesture of goodwill on the part of the Republic of Cyprus. The aim remains the resumption of negotiations with a view to resolving the Cyprus invasion and occupation issue.

In its conclusions of April 2024, the European Council, as in past conclusions, linked the progress in EU-Türkiye relations with the Cyprus issue, stating: 'the European Union attaches particular importance to the resumption of and progress in the Cyprus settlement talks in further enhancing EU-Türkiye cooperation'.

However, the situation in the occupied territories of the Republic of Cyprus is getting worse. Examples of this include the recent opening up of the enclaved city of Famagusta and the fact that the Turkish side turned down an invitation from the General Secretary of the United Nations to attend an informal meeting.

In view of this, could the Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy answer the following:

1. What is your take on the Turkish Foreign Minister's participation in the Gymnich meeting?
2. What are your thoughts concerning the need for Türkiye to change its stance on the Cyprus issue?
3. What progress is being made in EU-Türkiye relations given that Türkiye is distancing itself from the proposed solution and is now openly and officially promoting a two-state solution?

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