

**Question for written answer E-001884/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
Loucas Furlas (PPE)

Subject: The European Union's double standard in relation to Ukraine and Cyprus

The European Union has shown a strong and immediate response to Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, imposing tough sanctions, providing military and humanitarian assistance and supporting the territorial integrity of the country.

However, it seems that this same determination and solidarity does not apply in relation to the Republic of Cyprus – a Member State of the European Union – part of which has been illegally occupied by Türkiye for 50 years. The EU has not imposed corresponding sanctions against Türkiye, nor has it exerted the same political pressure to end the occupation.

In view of this:

1. Given that both Ukraine and Cyprus are facing illegal military occupations, how does the Commission justify the double standard in its approach to the situations in the two countries?
2. Will the Commission review its policy and adopt a more assertive stance towards Türkiye with regard to the illegal occupation of Cyprus, imposing sanctions and other measures equivalent to those in place against Russia?

Submitted: 30.9.2024