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to the Commission
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Subject: Illegal purchases and sales of Greek Cypriot properties encouraged by the occupation regime

Around 36 % of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, an EU Member State, has been illegally occupied by Türkiye since the Turkish invasion of 1974. Around one in three native-born Greek Cypriots – i.e. 180 000 – were expelled from their native land, leaving behind their homes and properties located in Turkish-occupied Northern Cyprus, which, according to numerous ECHR decisions, has ever since been controlled by an occupation regime subordinate to Türkiye. Since then, they have been living as refugees in Southern Cyprus, which remains under the control of the Republic of Cyprus.

For some time now, Greek Cypriot properties have been illegally purchased and sold – including by citizens of EU Member States, with advertisements placed in many of these countries – with the encouragement of the occupation regime and without the consent of the legal owners. The matter has been internationally denounced by the authorities of the Republic of Cyprus[1][2][3][4].

In light of the above, what measures does the Commission intend to take and what measures will it recommend Member States take in order to put a stop to the illegal purchase of Greek Cypriot properties by EU citizens, which is against international and EU law, and the illegal advertising of this inadmissible practice within the EU?

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[1] https://politis.com.cy/826240/article
[2] https://www.philenews.com/politiki/article/1369108/agrio-xepoulima-katechomenon-periousion/
[3] https://www.alphanews.live/politics/tornaritis-sto-ste-stamatiste-tin-paranomi-ekmetalleysi-ek-perioysion
[4] https://slpress.gr/ethnika/apse-svise-sto-sfyri-oi-ellinokypriakes-perioysies-poioi-tis-agorazoyn/