

Question for written answer E-000342/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Erdoğan's political ally, Devlet Bahçeli, cultivates a climate of war against Greece

On 15 January 2025, in a speech to the Turkish Parliament, de facto co-ruler of Türkiye Devlet Bahçeli, leader of the Nationalist Movement Party, which provides support to the Erdoğan government, once again made unacceptable and provocative statements against Greece. Referring to the Aegean Dodecanese Islands, he emphasised that he considers them Turkish, saying, verbatim, 'If we have to go to war, it will be a celebration for us. We are told by God to sacrifice our lives many times for national values'¹.

At the same time, Turkish 'analysts' on CNN Turk are presenting maps on which all the Aegean islands are shown in the colours of Türkiye, clamouring, 'we will fight!' and 'we will do what has to be done and go and take them!' They also show the range of missiles extending to mainland Greece. Türkiye considers itself to have achieved victory in Syria and appears insatiable and undaunted by a war against Greece and EU territories, preparing its public opinion accordingly.

In light of the above, does the Commission intend to manage the issue by immediately cutting off funding to Türkiye altogether?

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¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eCzeAjWjH8> (Δελτίο Ειδήσεων ΣΚΑΙ, 15/01/2025)