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to the Commission
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Subject: Turkish airlines must respect the ICAO or otherwise be banned from operating in EU airspace

As is well known, Turkish Airlines, AJet and Pegasus Airlines operate flights from and to the illegal and non-recognised Ercan airport, in the Turkish occupied areas of Cyprus.

Specifically, these flights are operated from many international airports in the European Union, through Constantinople, with the illegal airport as the final destination.

We highlight that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), which is the highest international authority on legal issues relating to civil aviation in general, does not recognise Ercan airport.

The ICAO's policy on matters relating to Cyprus is in conformity with that of the United Nations and the international community. Consequently, the ICAO only recognises the Republic of Cyprus and its Government as the sole representative of the whole island.

Given the above:

1. What is the position of the Commission on this issue? We strongly believe that this is unacceptable and needs to stop.

2. Is the Commission willing to halt flights for the above-mentioned airlines to European Union airports, similar to the sanctions imposed on Russian Airlines?

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