

**Question for written answer E-002202/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Is it possible for Türkiye to participate in the SAFE tool when it is threatening Greece?

The SAFE regulation was recently approved, despite strong reservations from the European Parliament. Türkiye, as a non-EU country, occasionally makes threats against a member state of the European Union, such as Greece.

The Prime Minister of Greece, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, has raised the issue of lifting the *casus belli*. The threat of war from Türkiye is ever-present, despite the fact that Greece, as is its right, applies international law and the law of the sea. The Minister for National Defence of Greece, Nikos Dendias, pointed out that ‘in order for Europe to exist, it must be based on common principles and a common understanding of the threat to the standard of life, otherwise it undermines itself’. Greek journalists record Turkish threats daily. Nikos Chatzinikolaou¹, one of the leading journalists in my country, recalled Article 42(7) TFEU for immediate assistance by other states if a Member State is attacked by another.

Given the above:

1. How is it possible for Türkiye to participate in the financing of defence programmes for common defence, when it systematically threatens the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Greece?
2. Will you request the immediate termination of any partnership with Türkiye if it does not remove the direct threats against Greece, an EU Member State, in accordance with Article 16(4) of the SAFE Regulation?
3. What measures will you take if Türkiye launches new threats?

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¹ <https://www.real.gr/ta-scholia-tou-nikou-chatzinikolaou/>