Question for written answer E-002881/2025
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Rule 144
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Subject: Turkish Cypriots alleging ethnic cleansing by Türkiye - Request for protection of European citizens from attacks by a non-EU country

A six-point letter signed by the 'Movement of Cypriots for Peace and Solidarity' was delivered by Turkish Cypriots to the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Nikos Christodoulides, with a request to complain to the International Criminal Court against Türkiye for the systematic transfer of the population to the occupied areas, as well as for a census in the occupied areas under the auspices of the UN.

'Türkiye, which intervened militarily on the island under the pretext of 'guarantor responsibility' for the protection of the territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and the restoration of its constitutional order, has exceeded its guarantor responsibilities, has carried out ethnic cleansing in the northern part of Cyprus, has divided the island in two with borders, has plundered the property of Greek Cypriots and, in violation of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, has transferred populations to the island, disrupting the demographic structure and establishing a separatist, puppet political regime loyal to itself,' the Turkish Cypriots underline in the letter blasting Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Ersin Tatar of the pseudo-state.

Given that Turkish Cypriots are EU citizens and are now calling for intervention, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy is asked:

1. How does the EU intend to protect European citizens from colonisation, violence and ethnic cleansing by a non-EU state?

2. Will the EU formally and explicitly condemn Türkiye's practices in Cyprus?

3. The Union is being attacked through its citizens. Will procedures be activated to exclude Türkiye from trade or military agreements?

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