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to the Commission**
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Subject: Completion of the Great Sea Interconnector

The interconnection of Cyprus and the European electricity grid through the Great Sea Interconnector project is a decisive step for the energy integration of the Union. It forms part of the goals of greater diversification of energy sources and strengthening security of supply, and by extension is consistent with the need to reduce dependence on imported hydrocarbons.

However, despite the financial and political support of the European Union, the project has recently been shrouded in uncertainty. On the one hand, Türkiye is attempting to obstruct it with threats of use of force and illegal and unfounded allegations, in order to serve its political strategies at a regional level. On the other hand, there are disputes between Cypriot and Greek authorities and bodies (IPTO) regarding each other's obligations and ultimately regarding the economic viability of the project, which is creating additional delays.

Despite the adversities, there is one common and indisputable factor: the completion of the Great Sea Interconnector is in the interest of Europe as a whole. This is a project of European strategic importance, which strengthens the internal energy market, enhances regional security and connects Cyprus with the rest of the Union for the first time in terms of energy.

Accordingly:

1. What does the Commission intend to do to ensure the rapid completion of the project?
2. How does the Commission intend to address Türkiye's military threat to a strategic European project?

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