

Question for written answer E-004936/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Illegal Turkish names of occupied areas of Cyprus used on European digital identity card platform

During the issuance of the new European-standard Greek identity card by the Hellenic Police to a citizen of the Republic of Cyprus residing in Greece since before 1974, it was discovered that the field for ‘place of birth’, which refers to a location currently situated in the occupied area of Cyprus, displays the name imposed by Türkiye instead of the correct, internationally recognised and official place name, based on the legitimacy of the Republic of Cyprus. According to the competent Greek service, the incorrect indication comes from the European computerised system/digital platform used for issuing identity cards, in which the illegal Turkish names of places in Cyprus under Turkish occupation have apparently been registered, resulting in the adoption of the occupying authorities’ terminology. This practice is unacceptable as it is contrary to international law and the European *acquis*.

Can the Commission say:

1. Is the Commission aware of the fact that the specific European information system/digital platform used by the Member States to issue official documents contains geographical references at odds with the official and internationally recognised nomenclature of the Republic of Cyprus?
2. Does it intend to take measures to ensure that place names on this European platform are corrected and to restore the officially recognised place names, as have been defined by the competent national authority, the Cypriot Permanent Committee for the Standardisation of Geographical Names of the Republic of Cyprus?

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