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to the Commission
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Subject: Türkiye's geopolitical instrumentalisation of the Organization of Turkic States and consequences for the interests of the European Union

Recent years have seen an intensification of the role of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS), which seems to be evolving into a tool of geopolitical influence for Türkiye, both in Central Asia and in the wider Eastern Mediterranean region.

Of particular concern is Ankara's attempt to leverage the OTS to promote political positions at odds with international law and EU interests, including actions undermining the sovereignty and territorial integrity of an EU Member State, the Republic of Cyprus. At the same time, some OTS member or observer states maintain close political and economic relations with the EU, raising questions about the coherence and credibility of European foreign policy.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. How does it assess the growing geopolitical role of the OTS and its use by Türkiye as a means of exerting influence against the EU's interests?
2. How does it ensure that EU cooperation with states involved in the OTS does not lead – directly or indirectly – to the legitimisation of illegal actions or of narratives that violate international law and UN resolutions?
3. Does it intend to strengthen political dialogue and terms of cooperation with non-EU countries, making respect for the sovereignty and rights of all EU Member States a clear precondition?

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