

**Question for written answer E-000242/2026  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Role and effectiveness of the United Nations in preventing incidents in the UN buffer zone in Cyprus

Recently, there have been reports of serious incidents in the UN buffer zone in Cyprus, in particular near the village of Mammari, where Greek Cypriot farmers were reportedly confronted and intimidated by Turkish occupation forces when accessing their agricultural land. Of particular concern is the fact that although UN peacekeepers were present during the incident, they did not intervene to de-escalate the situation, despite the UN's mandate to maintain peace and security in the buffer zone.

Given that the European Union has continuously reaffirmed its commitment to the security, rights and protection of all EU citizens, can the Commission say:

1. How does it assess the effectiveness of the UN's presence and actions in the buffer zone in Cyprus in terms of preventing intimidation and violence against civilians?
2. Has it raised concerns with the United Nations about the alleged failure to intervene in incidents affecting the security of civilians in the buffer zone?
3. What measures does it intend to take to ensure that EU citizens do not remain unprotected in the UN buffer zone and that the UN's mandate in Cyprus is implemented effectively and without ambiguity?

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