

**Question for written answer E-000474/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Turkish provocation and European reaction

In January, the Turkish Government published two Navtexes, in which it reinstates its claims, contrary to international law, regarding the competence to issue permits east of the 25th meridian, as well as the supposedly demilitarised status of 23 Greek islands.

These two Navtexes, which according to the Turkish Ministry of Defence are of indefinite duration, directly challenge Greece's sovereign rights in the Eastern Aegean and the Dodecanese, reinstating claims contrary to international law.

Furthermore, on 4 February the Turkish Ministry of Defence questioned Greece's sovereign right, under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, which is also part of the European acquis, to extend its territorial waters to 12 nautical miles.

In light of the *casus belli* passed by the Turkish Grand National Assembly in 1995 and which remains in force, as well as the ever-increasing Turkish provocations in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Dodecanese:

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take to protect Greece's sovereign rights from Turkish aggression?
2. Does the Commission consider Türkiye's moves compatible with the policy of the 'positive agenda'?
3. As there were more than 225 violations of Greek airspace by Türkiye in 2025, what initiatives does the Commission intend to take along the lines of the Eastern Flank Watch to protect Greek borders from Türkiye?

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