Question for written answer E-002175/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Border allowances and equal treatment of military personnel in remote areas of Greece

The non-granting of the allowance for remote/border areas and category A problematic areas to military personnel, e.g. in the regional unit of Kilkis, constitutes unfair discrimination in relation to other employees transferred to the same area. Although the Prefecture of Kilkis has been classified as a category A problematic area according to Greek law, military personnel are excluded from the relevant status, even when they serve under corresponding geographical, social and economic conditions to those of other public sector employees.

This situation acquires particular significance in light of the increasing cost of living in border areas and the need to strengthen the staffing of critical areas of national importance.

In light of Article 20 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union on equality before the law, Article 31 on fair working conditions, and the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights on fair treatment of workers:

1. Does the Commission consider that the exclusion of military personnel from financial benefits linked exclusively to the geographical and social conditions of a region may create conditions of indirect unequal treatment within the public sector?

2. How does the Commission assess the possible impact of the failure to provide corresponding incentives on maintaining adequate staffing and operational readiness in border areas of strategic importance?

3. Does the Commission intend to examine, within the framework of European policies of social cohesion and territorial balance, the discrimination described in social and economic living conditions?

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