

Question for written answer E-002588/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Opening of AKP representative office in occupied Nicosia, in a historic building that is purportedly a cultural heritage monument

According to reports, the ruling party of Türkiye (AKP) has opened a representative office in occupied Nicosia, in a historic building that is purportedly a cultural heritage monument, without the required permits and without a clear legal framework for the operation of foreign political parties in the occupied areas. This development raises concerns about Türkiye's growing political and administrative influence in the occupied areas of the Republic of Cyprus, as well as about the protection of cultural heritage and respect for the sovereignty of an EU Member State.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission agree that the operation of an office of the ruling party of Türkiye in the occupied areas constitutes further political and administrative interference in the territory of an EU Member State, and does the Commission intend to make a statement or take diplomatic action in relation to this?
2. What measures does the Commission intend to take to monitor and protect cultural heritage monuments in the occupied areas, especially in cases of the possible unauthorised use of listed buildings?
3. Does the Commission intend to raise the issue in the context of Euro-Turkish relations, calling on Türkiye to respect the relevant UN resolutions and the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus?

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