

Question for written answer E-002761/2026

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Recent visit of the Vice-President / High Representative and Commissioners to Türkiye

On 30 June, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy visited Ankara together with the Commissioner for Enlargement and the Commissioner for Migration and Home Affairs. The meeting was followed by a joint press release issued together with the Turkish Foreign Minister. The press release underlines the 'strategic value' of EU-Türkiye relations in promoting regional stability, security and economic resilience¹.

However, there is no mention of Türkiye persistent attempts to undermine the sovereign rights and legitimate interests of EU Member States, such as challenging the maritime zones of Greece and Cyprus, preparing the upcoming 'Blue Homeland' law, obstructing the European project to connect the power grids of Greece and Cyprus and excluding Cyprus from the COP31 meetings.

In view of the above, can the Vice-President / High Representative answer the following:

1. Did she, during the meeting with the Turkish leadership, raise the issues of the *casus belli*, the challenges to the sovereign rights of Greece and Cyprus, the Kasos incident, and Türkiye's ongoing revisionist policy ?
2. How does the recognition of Türkiye as a strategic partner square with the persistent challenges to the sovereign rights of Member States and what specific conditions does the EU intend to lay down to make the further deepening of EU-Türkiye relations conditional on full respect for international law and the good neighbourliness principle²?
3. Can EU foreign policy be decoupled from full respect for the sovereign rights of EU Member States?

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_26_1495

² It should be noted that in a recent answer she gave, the Vice-President / High Representative underlined the unwavering commitment to defending the sovereign rights and interests of the Member States and the need for Türkiye to fully respect international law, the Law of the Sea and good neighbourly relations (https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-002001-ASW_EN.html).