

Question for written answer E-002946/2026

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

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Subject: Construction of a natural gas pipeline between Türkiye and the occupied areas of Cyprus

An agreement to build a natural gas pipeline from Türkiye to the occupied areas of Cyprus has recently been announced. This pipeline will primarily transport natural gas from Türkiye to the occupied areas of Cyprus for the production of electricity, although it is being designed with two-way operation, allowing natural gas to flow from the occupied areas to Türkiye as well.

It should be noted that this is not the first such project in the works, as the construction of an undersea electricity interconnector between Türkiye and the occupied areas of Cyprus was announced in January 2026 – again in violation of the sovereign rights of the Republic of Cyprus.

Bearing in mind that such a project violates the sovereign rights of Cyprus and aims to make the occupied territories more dependent on Türkiye and to make the partition of Cyprus permanent, contrary to the UN Security Council resolutions on the reunification of the island, can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy say:

1. How does she intend to defend Cyprus's sovereign rights against Turkish provocations?
2. Will she consider, at a future Council meeting, the imposition of targeted sanctions on natural and legal persons involved in the planning and construction of this pipeline?

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