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Subject: Turkish occupation forces escalate tensions in Cyprus

Turkish occupation forces have escalated tensions in the buffer zone in Cyprus. According to reports, the Turkish occupying forces have deployed 15 battle tanks, alongside additional military vehicles and personnel, in a clear show of force within and around sensitive areas of the buffer zone. This constitutes a further violation of the status quo and follows a pattern of increasingly assertive actions by the Turkish occupiers in Cyprus.

This escalation is taking place in close proximity to civilian areas inhabited by European citizens, who are now living under heightened fear and insecurity. Reports and photos further indicate that the Turkish army has raised a Turkish flag within the buffer zone, in what appears to be a deliberate act of provocation and intimidation.

In the light of the above:

1. What immediate steps will the Commission take to address these violations and prevent further escalation?

2. Is it considering stronger measures in response to repeated actions by Türkiye in Cyprus?

3. What will the Commission do to ensure the territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, bearing in mind that, under Protocol No 10 to the EU Accession Treaty, the occupied territories and the buffer zone constitute European territory?

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