

Priority question for written answer P-004000/2026/rev.1
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Rule 144
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Subject: Oruç Reis survey of planned pipeline linking Türkiye with the occupied territories

In a recent reply to a question (E-002946/2026)¹ I put to her, the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy stated that the EU expects Türkiye to respect the sovereignty and sovereign rights of all Member States.

According to news reports², Ankara is now about to follow through on its announced plans: at the start of October, the Turkish research vessel, Oruç Reis, escorted by warships, is to begin survey work for the laying of the natural gas pipeline that will link Türkiye with the occupied territories.

The EU must now put its money where its mouth is and show that its defence of sovereignty and the sovereign rights of Member States does not stop at statements.

In view of the above, can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy answer the following:

1. What specific steps will she take, before the Turkish survey work begins, to protect the sovereignty and sovereign rights of the Republic of Cyprus?
2. Will she submit a prompt proposal to the Council for targeted sanctions against the natural and legal persons who will be involved in the survey work and implementation of the pipeline?
3. In the event that a Navtex is issued or the survey work begins, will she convene an extraordinary Foreign Affairs Council, as permitted by Article 30 TEU?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-002946_EN.html.

² <https://www.kathimerini.gr/politics/foreign-policy/564489508/kypros-ereynes-apo-to-oroyts-reis/>.