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**Question for written answer E-002349/24
to the Commission
Emmanouil Kefalogiannis (PPE)
(30 October 2024)**

Subject: Measures against Azerbaijan for inviting representatives of the pseudo-state in the occupied territories of Cyprus to a meeting of the Organisation of Turkic States

In a resolution that was approved by an overwhelming majority, the European Parliament recently condemned Azerbaijan's decision to invite representatives of the pseudo-state in the occupied territories of Cyprus to a meeting held by the Organisation of Turkic States and the steps it has taken towards the 'secessionist entity in occupied Cyprus', in breach of international law and UN Security Council resolutions. In its resolution, the European Parliament called on Azerbaijan to respect the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States and to desist from inviting representatives of the pseudo-state to meetings held by the Organisation of Turkic States.

What steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that Azerbaijan respects the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, a state that is a full member of the European Union?

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kaja Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(27 January 2025)**

The High Representative/Vice-President of the Commission has deplored the invitation to the so-called 'president' of the Turkish Cypriot entity, the so-called, internationally not recognised, 'Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus' ('TRNC'), to attend the Extraordinary Summit of the Organisation of Turkic States (OTS) in Shusha on 6 July 2024 ⁽¹⁾.

The presence of the so-called 'TRNC' at the OTS summit runs counter to the principle of territorial integrity enshrined in the United Nations (UN) Charter.

The EU has actively expressed its preoccupations to the members of the OTS at all levels and has rejected the attempts by the OTS to legitimise the so-called 'TRNC' as an observer in the OTS.

This decision, pending ratification by the OTS members, is regrettable and is contradicting the fact that several OTS members have expressed strong support to the principle of territorial integrity and the UN Charter.

The EU's principled decision on this matter was again reiterated on the occasion of the OTS summit held on 6 November 2024 in Bishkek ⁽²⁾.

The EU recognises only the Republic of Cyprus as a subject of international law, in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions ⁽³⁾. The EU expects the same from its partners. This message has been clearly conveyed to the Azerbaijani authorities.

⁽¹⁾ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/ots-statement-high-representative-participation-prime-minister-orb%C3%A1n-informal-summit-organisation_en

⁽²⁾ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/cyprus-statement-spokesperson-observer-status-turkish-cypriot-secessionist-entity-organisation_en

https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/ots-statement-hrvp-josep-borrell-attempts-legitimise-turkish-cypriot-secessionist-entity_en

⁽³⁾ <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/58970?ln=en&v=pdf>, <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/67600?ln=en&v=pdf>