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**Question for written answer E-002326/25
to the Commission
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(10 June 2025)**

Subject: Flight safety in the Nicosia FIR due to the illegal airport in occupied Tymbou and attempts at direct flights

The illegal airport in occupied Tymbou continues to operate outside the regulatory framework of the International Civil Aviation Organisation and without recognition by international authorities. The failure to comply with international safety standards poses serious risks to the safety of flights in the Nicosia FIR, which is the only internationally recognised FIR of the Republic of Cyprus.

At the same time, the occupying regime has intensified its efforts at getting the illegal airport recognised, as well as attempts to carry out direct flights from non-EU countries, in violation of international law and the relevant United Nations resolutions.

In view of the above:

1. How does the Commission assess the impact of the activities at the illegal airport in Tymbou, inside the Nicosia FIR, on the safety of European citizens and European flights?
2. What measures could the Commission put in place to ensure that no direct flights from non-EU countries are operated to the illegal airport?

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**Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
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Reference is made to the answer given by the Commission on the parliamentary Question E-002776/2024 on 18 March 2025.

As already pointed out, risk to aviation posed by the operational activities of Tymbou airport do not fall within the scope of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) recommendations resulting from armed conflict.

Data from the Eurocontrol acting as Network Manager show that traffic to and from Türkiye, which is the only traffic possible for this airport, has remained stable for some time.

The Commission can only take action when a legal basis has been provided under Union law. Under the relevant provisions of the Single European Sky Regulatory framework, airspace management falls under the competence of the individual Member States.
