

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000063/26
to the Commission
Loucas Fourlas (PPE)
(12 January 2026)**

Subject: Cyprus takes over the presidency of the Council of the European Union

The Republic of Cyprus's assumption of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union holds particular political importance, especially in the light of the statements by the President of the European Commission that the reunification of Cyprus is a priority for the Union. These statements give rise to legitimate expectations for the EU's genuine — and not merely rhetorical — involvement in the Cyprus problem.

Nevertheless, Türkiye's continued occupation, unilateral action and systematic challenging of UN resolutions undermine any prospect of reunification and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. What specific and practical mechanisms does it intend to activate in order to put meaningful pressure on Türkiye to comply with international law and UN resolutions?
2. How does it intend to link the European path, funding and EU-Türkiye relations with tangible steps towards the reunification of Cyprus?

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**Answer given by Ms Kos on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU has a strategic interest in a stable and secure environment in the Eastern Mediterranean and in the development of a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship with Türkiye.

Türkiye is expected to respect international law, good neighbourly relations and the sovereignty of Member States. Türkiye is expected to actively support the negotiations on a fair, comprehensive and viable settlement of the Cyprus issue within the UN framework, in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions, including their external aspects, and in line with the principles on which the EU is founded and the *acquis*.

Türkiye also needs to fulfil its obligation to ensure full and non-discriminatory implementation of the Additional Protocol to the EU-Turkey Association Agreement ⁽¹⁾.

The Commission follows a phased, proportionate and reversible approach to energise key areas of cooperation with Türkiye, in line with the Joint Communication of 29 November 2023 ⁽²⁾ and the April 2024 European Council conclusions ⁽³⁾.

Türkiye's own constructive engagement will be instrumental in advancing cooperation across all relevant areas. Resumption of and progress in the Cyprus settlement talks is of particular importance in this context.

⁽¹⁾ Additional Protocol of 23 November 1970, [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:21970A1123\(01\)&from=EN](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:21970A1123(01)&from=EN).

⁽²⁾ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/joint-communication-european-council-state-play-eu-turkiye-political-economic-and-trade-relations-0_en.

⁽³⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/m5jlwe0p/euco-conclusions-20240417-18-en.pdf>.