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Question for written answer E-002788/26
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: EU-Türkiye meeting of 30 June 2026

In the joint statement issued following the meeting of 30 June 2026 in Ankara between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye, Hakan Fidan, the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Kaja Kallas, the Commissioner for Enlargement, Marta Kos, and the Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration, Magnus Brunner, the EU side stressed that Türkiye's accession progress hinged on strengthening the rule of law, protecting fundamental rights and ensuring high democratic standards.

However, the joint statement and the discussions made no reference to the recommendations contained in the European Parliament's report condemning Türkiye's ongoing casus belli against Greece, its continued violation of the sovereignty and sovereign rights of Greece and Cyprus, its obstructions to projects of common European interest, its reactions to the Greek marine park in the Aegean and the increase in illegal fishing by Turkish vessels in Greek territorial waters.

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

1. Why was no reference made to the recommendations and conclusions of the European Parliament report of 17 June 2026?
2. How does the Commission ensure that the European Parliament's recommendations form an integral part of the political framework of the EU's foreign policy?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU's relations with Türkiye are guided by the European Council's conclusions, the Council's established positions, the relevant Commission enlargement reports, and the EU's broader strategic interest.

The joint statement ⁽¹⁾ issued following the meeting of 30 June 2026 was intended to reflect the main points discussed at that occasion and was not designed to provide an exhaustive account of all issues and documents that shape the EU's position towards Türkiye.

The absence of an explicit reference to specific elements of the European Parliament's resolution of 17 June 2026 does not in any way imply that the concerns raised therein are disregarded.

The High Representative/Vice-President and the Commission attach great importance to the views expressed by the European Parliament, including those relating to respect for the sovereignty and sovereign rights of Member States, regional stability, good neighbourly relations, and alignment with the EU's common foreign and security policy objectives, are taken into account in the EU's ongoing assessment of relations with Türkiye.

As regards the role of the European Parliament's recommendations in the political framework of the EU's foreign policy, the High Representative/Vice-President and the Commission ensure close and regular engagement with the European Parliament, including through debates in plenary, committee exchanges, written replies, and the consideration of the European Parliament's reports and resolutions in policy preparation and implementation.

The European Parliament's views form an important element of the institutional dialogue underpinning the EU's external action, in full respect of the institutional balance laid down in the Treaties.

⁽¹⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_26_1495.