

**Question for written answer E-014354/2013  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Information on Turkey's non-implementation of the readmission agreement in relation to the Republic of Cyprus

On 16 November 2013, an agreement was signed in Ankara between the European Union and Turkey on the readmission of immigrants illegally entering Europe or Turkey through Turkish territory or the territory of an EU Member State. However, there are indications that the Turkish Government does not intend to implement the agreement with the Republic of Cyprus, and is not going to enter into any direct relationship with the Republic of Cyprus on this matter.

As the agreement includes clauses relating to the readmission of nationals of EU Member States and Turkey, as well as the readmission of any other person entering or residing in the territory of the EU or Turkey, originating directly from the territory of the EU or Turkey:

1. What means does the Commission have available in order to ensure the integrated and full implementation of the agreement, with no discrimination between EU Member States, and in order monitor its correct implementation?
2. What does it plan to do if Turkey applies in practice its declared position that it will exclude the Republic of Cyprus from implementation of the readmission agreement?
3. In relation to the forthcoming ratification of the agreement, will the Commission demand explicit confirmation from the Turkish Government that, on the one hand, the above reports can be discounted and, on the other hand, that the non-discriminatory application of the agreement can be ensured?