

**Question for written answer E-000701/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Unlawful interference by the occupying regime in the education of enclaved students in occupied Rizokarpaso

Another serious incident has occurred involving arbitrary and illegal checks being carried out by 'officials' of the occupying regime in schools in occupied Rizokarpaso, where a small number of enclaved Greeks still live despite the adverse conditions there. Specifically, the occupying authorities entered the Greek schools in Rizokarpaso unannounced (kindergarten, primary school and six-grade secondary school) and began inspecting books, classrooms and computers and interrogating teachers about the curriculum.

The occupying authorities have repeatedly carried out various illegal actions in schools in Rizokarpaso, obstructing education and hindering staffing and forbidding visits by inspectors from the Cypriot Ministry of Education, building repairs and other forms of support. These actions are a flagrant violation of the Third Vienna Agreement and the binding Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

In light of the great disappointment at the position of the European Commission, which should not show tolerance in the face of such serious matters, can it answer the following:

1. Is it aware of these acts of interference and, more generally, the climate of intimidation and fear that schools in Rizokarpaso are being subjected to?
2. Given that the situation of oppression is getting worse, is it considering taking steps other than contacts and recommendations, which have proven fruitless?
3. Does it intend to publicly denounce the actions of the occupying regime, as a gesture of solidarity towards European pupils, parents and teachers?

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