Priority question for written answer P-000006/2025 to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Rule 144

Kostas Papadakis (NI), Lefteris Nikolaou-Alavanos (NI)

Subject: The dangerous possibility of a Turkish-Syrian maritime zone agreement

The imperialistic intervention of Türkiye and Israel in Syria – an independent country – with the backing of the US, NATO and the EU has led to a jihadist takeover that was welcomed by the EU and the Nea Dimokratia Government in Greece, which consider these jihadists to be 'guarantors of a democratic transition'. There is a plan underway to change borders and divide Syria. These developments are inevitably leading to a new wave of displacement.

As a direct consequence of the intervention in Syria, Erdoğan government officials have made statements broadcasting the dangerous possibility of a Turkish-Syrian agreement on maritime zones, along the lines of the unacceptable and arbitrary Turkish-Libyan agreement.

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

- 1. What view does she take of the fact that, following the Euro-Atlantic intervention in Libya, which was also supported by the EU and which the Turkish Government also exploited, the EU is now supporting the intervention in Syria too, an intervention that is leading to border changes and the development of a dangerous scheme to establish an arbitrary Turkish-Syrian agreement that violates and calls into question the sovereignty and sovereign rights of the Republic of Cyprus, an EU Member State which is not even taken into account?
- 2. What view does she take of the fact that Commission President von der Leyen's visit to Türkiye and the EU's welcoming stance towards the jihadist takeover meant that the EU endorsed and gave legitimacy to the intervention, invasion and review of the region's borders by Türkiye which has the support of the US?

Submitted: 3.1.2025