

**Priority question for written answer P-002429/2023  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Measures to address the illegal and violent attack by Türkiye in Pyla, Cyprus

In a statement condemning the unacceptable and violent actions recently organised by Türkiye, the UN Security Council said these actions may constitute crimes under international law. The attack included an assault against members of the UN peacekeeping force inside the buffer zone in the Pyla area of the Republic of Cyprus. This is the culmination of a series of statements of condemnation issued by the EU, the US and other countries both within and outside the EU, which stress that organised actions and threats such as this are unacceptable and constitute a serious crime under international law.

At the same time, these actions confirm Türkiye's long-standing ambition to expand its territorial claims over the occupied territories through illegal fait accomplis. However, despite the condemnations from the Security Council, the EU and the international community, Ankara and the Ankara-backed leader of the occupied territories have stated that they intend to go ahead with the construction work inside the buffer zone.

In view of this:

Besides issuing statements of condemnation, what immediate, effective measures does the Commission intend to take, including imposing sanctions, to compel Türkiye to comply with international law and respect the relevant UN resolutions on Cyprus?

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