

Question for written answer P-000475/2019
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Provocative actions by Turkey in Cyprus' EEZ

On 28 January 2019 the Turkish research vessel BARBAROS, accompanied by the support vessel TANUX-1, began to conduct research within block 9 of Cyprus' EEZ. The fact that the BARBAROS is doing so within Cyprus' EEZ, in a maritime block awarded to a foreign company in the framework of the Cyprus energy programme licensing procedures, a few nautical miles from Limassol, constitutes a flagrant violation of the sovereign rights of the Republic of Cyprus.

Will the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy say:

Will she condemn these provocative and illegal acts by Turkey, especially since all efforts should now be focused on resuming the negotiations for a solution to the Cyprus problem?