

Question for written answer E-014586/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Postponement of publication of the progress report on Turkey

The Commission has postponed publication of its annual 'progress report' on Turkey, which was scheduled for the month of October.

1. How does the Commission respond to those who see this postponement as a new form of implicit support by the European Union for the AKP government of Mr Erdogan, a few days ahead of the legislative elections?
2. According to Commission officials quoted in some newspapers, the postponement of publication of the annual report must be seen in the context of negotiations with Turkey over the flow of migrants. Is this information correct?
3. If so, how likely is it in the view of the Commission that this form of self-censorship will encourage Turkey to comply with the Copenhagen criteria?