

**Question for written answer E-015468/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject:     Respect for press freedom and civil rights and liberties in Turkey, with a view to EU accession

It was decided following the EU-Turkey summit that negotiations on Turkey's accession to the European Union would be re-energised.

Nevertheless, several European countries have highlighted serious violations of press freedom and civil rights and liberties by the Ankara government. Allowing a country to join the European Union under such circumstances could set a dangerous precedent.

What steps will the Commission take with regard to the issues raised by some Member States in connection with respect for press freedom and civil rights and liberties, in the context of re-energised accession negotiations between Turkey and the EU?