

**Question for written answer E-015185/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Relations with Turkey after recent incidents

Bearing in mind:

- the conclusions of the latest EU-Turkey summit and the EU's determination to continue negotiations with Turkey on its potential membership of the EU,
- Turkey's commitment to invest financial means provided from the EU budget on seeking solutions to the migration crisis on its territory and regulating the issue of migrants moving on to the EU Member States,
- and, in particular, Turkey's shooting down of a Russian military aircraft under circumstances that remain unclear and controversial, despite Russia being an ally to Europe and the international community as such in the fight against the terrorist threat posed by the so-called Islamic State, which has significantly worsened the situation in the region as well as relations between Russia, Turkey and NATO, as confirmed by many EU, NATO and US leaders,

could the Commission answer the following questions?

In the Commission's opinion, to what extent can Turkey still be considered a reliable partner for further negotiations on EU membership, and to what extent can a country conducting such ill-considered diplomacy with dangerous repercussions be regarded as a reliable and responsible partner for the EU and, moreover, a potential Member State?