

Question for written answer E-014443/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Government influence on the media in Turkey

National elections are to be held in Turkey in the coming days. The Turkish Government has been accused in the past of using private television channels to expand its own influence. The organisation Freedom House, which monitors the media across the world on the basis of autonomy and freedom of expression, has recently condemned the situation in Turkey. The Turkish police have recently conducted operations against some television studios which are known to oppose the government.

In the light of the above, can the Commission state:

- whether it will focus greater attention on the working conditions of Turkish journalists;
- whether it will state its own official and unequivocal position on the recent events involving the Turkish police force and the television studios concerned.