

**Question for written answer E-015691/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Accession negotiations with Turkey and respecting the principles and rules of the EU

Despite being a candidate country for accession to the EU and despite the fact that it continues to receive pre-accession assistance, Turkey is still defiantly refusing to recognise an EU Member State, namely Cyprus.

Turkey's conduct and attitude are an affront and provocation both for Cyprus and for the EU.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Can the EU continue accession negotiations with a country like Turkey that refuses to recognise all 28 EU Member States?
2. What measures is the EU taking or does it intend to take to compel Turkey to behave in conformity with the law and the rules governing the EU?