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to the Commission**
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Subject: Legal proceedings against the Vice-President of the Party of the European Left

Turkish legal authorities have started legal proceedings under the Turkish anti-terrorist law against the Vice-President of the Party of the European Left (EL), the Spaniard Maite Mola. This is a clearly anti-democratic law which even allows shooting in the streets.

The accusation against the EL Vice-President is rather odd: she is accused of having insulted Turkey's President Erdogan in the course of a massive demonstration in Istanbul in February of this year held to protest at the adoption of the national public security law which was passing through the Turkish Parliament at that time.

Repeated questions and comments in committees and in the plenary are proof of the deep concern in regard to the Turkish Government felt by a large majority of MEPs in the face of constant violations of human rights, its authoritarian attitude and the well-founded suspicions of laxity in combating ISIS. Bearing this in mind:

What measures will the Commission be taking to stop these legal proceedings against the Vice-President of EL?

Will it offer legal advice, support and protection to EL, a European political party, in view of this anti-democratic attack on it?

What is the Commission's opinion of a country which is seeking to join the EU but uses its legal system to criminalise democratic opposition?