

**Question for written answer E-016014/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Can Dündar

According to recent international press reports, Can Dündar, a Turkish investigative journalist and editor-in-chief of Cumhuriyet, a Turkish newspaper, has been arrested and put on trial on charges for 'treason' in connection with his activities. This is not the first time that he has fallen foul of the authorities in the course of his work.

At the same time, the Committee to Protect Journalists has indicated that Turkey now holds the record for the number of incarcerated journalists, which is a matter of particular concern regarding country seeking EU membership.

In view of this:

Is the Commission aware of this situation? Does she intend to make known the Commission's concerns in the course of negotiations regarding possible accession? Does she consider EU membership possible for a country with such a democratic deficit?