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Subject: Annual report on Turkey

Will the Commission address the following urgent questions in its annual report on Turkey's progress towards meeting EU accession criteria due on 5 November?

- 1. Do the Host Government Agreements for the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline breach the terms of Turkey's Accession Partnership by moving away from the acquis communautaire and the prospect of implementing the Copenhagen criteria?
- 2. Does this project potentially infringe the human rights and minority rights of the people living along the pipeline route in Turkey, such as through the expropriation of land without proper compensation?
- 3. What is the potential environmental impact of the project, and has a proper environmental impact assessment been carried out?