

**Question for written answer E-011156/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Draft law granting full powers to the Turkish police

According to press reports, the Turkish Parliament has adopted a draft law granting expanded powers to the police force, which will now be able to carry out more extensive searches and questioning purely on the grounds of suspicion. For example, the police will be able to search suspects at their homes or tap their phones without having to provide any concrete evidence to justify such intrusions. Protesters and people who target public property will face harsher penalties. The new law – a complete violation of human rights – looks set to solidify the impunity of the Turkish police. Despite this, the Turkish Government has claimed that the law is in line with the standards of the EU, which Turkey is seeking to join.

1. In the Commission's view, is this law consistent with EU law and values?
2. If not, what does the Commission intend to do to convince the Turkish Government to review it?
3. What impact will it have on Turkey's EU accession procedure?