

**Question for written answer E-000068/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Turkish press banned from reporting on a parliamentary investigation into four former ministers

According to several sources in the Turkish press, organisations representing the Turkish press received formal notices from the Chief Prosecutor of Ankara on 21 November 2014, stating that the press could not report on the parliamentary investigation in which four former ministers of the Turkish Government are accused of corruption.

Is the Commission aware of this situation?

Does the Commission think this decision is in keeping with Turkey's candidature for membership of the EU, including in light of the difficulties the Turkish Government has had in recent years in maintaining minimum guarantees of freedom of expression for the press?