

**Question for written answer E-002958/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Misogynist killing of Özgecan Aslan and the situation of women in Turkey

The misogynist killing of the student Özgecan Aslan has shocked and outraged Turkish society by highlighting the violence there is against women. The latest Global Gender Gap Report prepared by the World Economic Forum ranks Turkey as the worst country for women in Europe and Central Asia.

Meanwhile, the Turkish Government maintains an official discourse that is opposed to combating this scourge, as illustrated by the statement made by Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan that 'women and men cannot be put on an equal footing'.

In view of the above, and taking into account Turkey's status as a candidate for accession to the European Union:

1. What is the Commission's view of the state of implementation of the measures and requirements set out in the 'Violence against Women' chapter of the Report on a 2020 Perspective for Women in Turkey?
2. Does the Commission consider that the Turkish Government is meeting the objective established in Council Decision 2008/157/EC of promoting equality between men and women and the role of women in society, in light of its policies and discourse on this matter?
3. What is the Commission's view of the fact that the Turkish Government is considering reintroducing the death penalty after this killing?