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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Mechanisms for democratic monitoring by the EU of agreements with Turkey

As from the second half of the 20th century relations between Europe and Turkey have been marked by the latter country's application to join the European Union as a full member.

What mechanisms for effective monitoring are there and what kind of oversight and supervision has been and is being carried out by the European Commission to ensure compliance with the bilateral agreements on human rights, freedom of expression and the recognition and protection of linguistic, socio-economic and legal rights and political equity?

How does the Commission verify Turkey's progress in relation to judicial independence?

What progress – which it considers satisfactory and therefore verifiable and verified – has the Commission been able to confirm with respect to the funds for fomenting and improving socio-economic and democratic development in the eastern and south-eastern regions of the country?