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to the Commission**

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Subject: Turkey's accession to the EU

During an official visit to Turkey, President Martin Schulz met with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, European Affairs Minister Volkan Bozkir and leaders of the opposition. The meetings focused on Turkey's accession to the EU and human rights. Turkey, as a possible candidate for accession to the EU, is supposed to address the issues of human rights, in particular freedom of expression, as a condition of initiating the EU accession process.

In the past, the EU institutions criticised the Turkish Government for adopting a security law granting unconditional powers to the police, such as arresting individuals without a court warrant.

What is the Commission's position regarding Turkey's progress toward its accession to the EU?