

**Question for written answer E-009115/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Turkey's sanctions against the Vatican

Turkey has imposed sanctions on the Vatican as a result of His Holiness Pope Francis recognising that the Armenian genocide was the first genocide of the 20th century.

What statement does the Commission wish to give to support the interests of the Christian faith communities of Europe who will see the sanctions against the Vatican as a very provocative step, as it is a sacred place to millions of Christian Roman Catholics, who form a massive population in Member States?