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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Escalation of violence in Turkey

The situation in Turkey is growing more worrying by the day, with the Turkish Government adopting an increasingly authoritarian approach to domestic affairs and an irresponsible and reckless foreign policy.

Against a background of attacks on tolerance and oil being purchased from Daesh itself, military action is being stepped up. It is claimed that the target is Islamic State, although the focus is on the Kurds and the Turkish Left.

In the wake of Sunday's brutal attack in Ankara, many prominent commentators have spoken of involvement on the part of the extreme right, the deep state and security forces. Reports that there were no police in the area at the time of the attack – a first – would seem to support this theory, as would the incredible negligence with regard to security in the run-up to the attacks.

Is the VP/HR considering calling for an independent inquiry?

In the light of reports from the democratic opposition of systematic attacks and arbitrary arrests, does the VP/HR think that the Turkish elections can take place in line with the required standards and guarantees?

Turkey is a member of NATO. Does the VP/HR think that the Turkish Government's foreign policy stance is helping maintain stability in the region?