

**Question for written answer E-002901/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Ernest Maragall (Verts/ALE)**

Subject: Alleged human rights violations by Turkish security forces

The Turkish Ministry of National Defence is drafting new legislation that would change the rules governing investigations into suspected violations by security forces<sup>1</sup>.

Under the proposed law, security forces would only be investigated upon the approval of the Ministry of National Defence.

In light of claims alleging human rights violations committed by military personnel in the ongoing conflict between Turkish security forces and the PKK in the southeast of Turkey, this legislation would open the door to impunity.

It is also the exact opposite of the suggestion made by the Commission in its last progress report that an independent civilian law enforcement complaints procedure be established to address human rights violations and impunity.

Is the Commission aware of the implications of the proposed law?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.crisisgroup.org/~media/Files/europe/turkey-cyprus/turkey/b080-the-human-cost-of-the-pkk-conflict-in-turkey-the-case-of-sur.pdf](http://www.crisisgroup.org/~/media/Files/europe/turkey-cyprus/turkey/b080-the-human-cost-of-the-pkk-conflict-in-turkey-the-case-of-sur.pdf)