

**Question for written answer E-009473/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Bart Staes (Verts/ALE)

Subject: European aid for Turkey

Turkey has received EUR 114.72 million from the Union to further democracy and open administration, along with EUR 119.18 million to improve the rule of law, of which EUR 22.13 million went to reinforcing the judicial sector and building up the capacity of detention centres, where thousands of people are currently being held following the failed coup.

According to Amnesty International, people in Turkey are clearly being tortured, raped and held without trial. Nils Melzer, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, also confirms that those arrested in Turkey are being tortured and mistreated on a massive scale.

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1. Can the Commission confirm with absolute certainty that the above-mentioned financial aid does not contribute either directly or indirectly to the practices described by Amnesty International and Nils Melzer?
2. If not, what measures will the Commission take to put a stop to such practices and ensure that European aid be withdrawn or stopped where appropriate?