

**Question for written answer E-004638/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Detention of Idil Eser, director of Amnesty International Turkey

After detaining Taner Kiliç, Chair of Amnesty International Turkey in June 2017, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's government is now continuing its attack against human rights activists by detaining Idil Eser, the director of Amnesty International Turkey, along with seven other people.

According to information provided by Amnesty International itself, the whereabouts of Idil Eser and the other detainees is not yet known and they are not able to meet with lawyers or have any contact with relatives.

During the most recent part-session in Strasbourg, Parliament adopted a report which puts renewed pressure on Member States to suspend negotiations on Turkey's accession to the EU if the Turkish Government goes ahead with plans to implement a new constitution in Turkey, which would put an end to the separation of powers.

The Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights has called for the immediate release of directors and activists of human rights organisations, including the director of Amnesty International Turkey.

What concrete measures does the Commission intend to implement in response to the repeated detentions of human rights defenders by the Turkish authorities?