

ORAL QUESTION H-0431/09
for Question Time at the part-session in December 2009
pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Negotiations for Turkey to take part in joint Frontex operations

On 21 October 2009 Ms Malmström, President-in-Office of the Council, told the European Parliament meeting in plenary sitting that negotiations were being held 'with a view to a possible agreement which would also cover exchanges of information and the possibility for the Turkish authorities to take part in joint Frontex operations. Article 8e, paragraph 2, of Regulation (EC) No 863/2007¹ establishing a mechanism for the creation of Rapid Border Intervention Teams and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004² provides that 'any amendments to or adaptations of the operational plan shall require the agreement of both the Executive Director and the requesting Member State.'

In view of the above, will the Council say what stage discussions for Turkish participation in joint Frontex operations have reached? What demands is Turkey making as a condition for its participation? Is Greece, a Member State which hosts the Frontex mission, aware of these discussions?

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¹ OJ L 199, 31.7.2007, p.30.

² OJ L 349, 25.11.2004, p.1.