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Subject: Interpol arrest warrants (Red Notices) and Turkey

In August 2017, Spanish police detained two critical journalists with dual Swedish/Turkish citizenship and German/Turkish citizenship respectively, following an Interpol notice issued by Turkey.

In its resolution 2161 (2017) the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe noted that, in a number of cases, Interpol and its Red Notice system have been abused by some countries in the pursuit of political objectives, in order to repress freedom of expression or to persecute members of the political opposition beyond their borders.

It is therefore of the utmost importance to ensure that proper safeguards are in place for human rights defenders and activists against the potential abuse of Interpol notices by some countries.

- What is the Commission doing to ensure that the rights of EU and third-country citizens are not breached through the use of Interpol data by the EU Member States?
- Is the Commission aware of any mechanism to ensure that necessity and proportionality checks are carried out on Interpol alerts from countries with bad human rights records, for example through Europol?
- What safeguards against abuses is the Commission planning to put in place as regards Union legislation concerning border checks at external borders and the use of information systems such as SIS II, ETIAS and the Entry Exit System in order to strengthen the information exchange between these systems and Interpol?

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