

**Question for written answer P-012088/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Human rights violations against the Kurdish people by Turkish forces

Turkey is among the 47 members of the Council of Europe and an applicant country to the EU. The attacks on the Kurdish population at the Syrian and Iraqi borders since the end of July 2015 oblige the EU to monitor and control Turkey's operations in the light of international and European human rights obligations. These attacks are being conducted simultaneously with the new Turkish military commitment in the war of the US-led coalition against Islamic State (Daesh).

Parliament is stepping up its actions on human rights in order to ensure that human rights and democracy are at the core of EU actions and policies.

1. Are these Turkish military operations in conformity with all the European instruments and obligations regarding human rights protection, in particular with the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights on Articles 1, 3 and 15 of the European Convention on Human Rights?
2. Does the war against Islamic State justify the abandonment of the Kurds fighting against Daesh, and the complete disregard of the battle they fought in Kobane?
3. How is the EU ensuring protection of Kurdish civilians in the affected areas?