

**Question for written answer P-003911/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
Liliana Rodrigues (S&D)**

Subject: Imprisonment of Taner Kiliç, Chair of Amnesty International Turkey

As was widely reported, on 6 June Taner Kiliç, the Chair of Turkey's branch of Amnesty International, was arrested on suspicion of belonging to the Fethullah Gülen movement, which the Turkish authorities hold responsible for last year's attempted coup d'état. Mr Kiliç has a long and distinguished record of defending freedom. He and 22 other lawyers have been arrested by police. If the international community fails to exert the necessary pressure, the current politically motivated crackdown against civil society activists could do irreparable damage to human rights and democracy in Turkey.

As an advocate of democracy and freedom, should the Commission should not condemn these widespread arbitrary arrests in Turkey as a whole, as Mr Kiliç's detention in particular?

What specific measures will the Commission take with the Turkish Government with a view to the release of Taner Kiliç, the aforementioned 22 lawyers and all other persons arrested without proof of involvement in the attempted coup d'état of 15 July 2016?