

## **TURKEY - NEW LEGISLATION FOR THE RETURN OF PROPERTIES TO RELIGIOUS FOUNDATIONS**

The Commission welcomes Turkey's new legislation for the return of properties to religious foundations published in the Official Gazette on 27 August; the Commission also welcomes the meeting of Prime Minister Erdogan with the heads of non-Muslim religious communities at the iftar dinner on 28 August. All this is positive and conducive to the respect of freedom of religion in practice.

The Commission will monitor closely the implementation of the new legislation, in contact with both the Turkish authorities and the non-Muslim religious communities.

Source:

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