

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1628/01
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to the Council

Subject: Condemnation of Turkey by the European Court of Human Rights

In its judgment of 10 May 2001 the European Court of Human Rights condemned Turkey for continuing large-scale violations of human rights in Cyprus since 1974 and ruled in favour of the application by the Republic of Cyprus.

As the Turkish Government hastened to announce that it would ignore this judgment of the European Court of Human Rights, whose jurisdiction it has by the way formally recognised since 1990, and as in the past it ignored a similar judgment by the same court condemning it in the Loizidou case of 1996, can the Council say:

1. What direct action it intends to take to ensure respect for the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights by Turkey?
2. What will be the consequences of Turkey's behaviour in violating its commitments to the European institutions in respect of its prospects of accession to the European Union, and what specific form will these consequences take in the European Union's political and economic relations with Turkey?