

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3670/03

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to the Council

Subject: Further cooperation in the fight against terrorism

The Turkish government recently asked the European Union to put the terrorist organisation the Islamic Front of Raiders of the Great Orient (IBDA-C) on the EU list of banned terrorist organisations. So far, no such action has been taken.

Does the Council not consider that, as that this organisation was probably involved in the terrorist attacks on synagogues on 15 November and the attacks on the British Consulate and HSBC headquarters in Istanbul on 20 November 2003, consideration should be given to adding this organisation to the list of banned terrorist groups?

Does Council see any further possibility of extending cooperation with Turkey in the fight against terrorism?