

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0792/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Return of property by Turkey

Many of the Assyrian-Chaldean-Syriac and Armenian people who were deported in the Ottoman Empire in 1915 were liquidated. The Turkish State later seized their property on the grounds that those who had been liquidated had disappeared and were no longer looking after their property. These seizures took place, inter alia, between 1951 and 1960. In official documents and decisions, the Turkish State calls this property 'surrendered Armenian assets'.

Will the Commission consider taking measures to induce Turkey to return this property to the Assyrian-Chaldean-Syriac and Armenian owners?