

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0017/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Operation of Akkuyu nuclear power plant in Turkey

According to a statement by the 'Anka' Turkish News Agency of 18 December 2008 and a number of recent reports, the Turkish Atomic Energy Council has given the go-ahead for the Russian 'Atomstroyexport' company to assemble the first nuclear power plant in Akkuyu on Turkey's southern coast. Given that this is the first nuclear power plant to be built in the Mediterranean basin, a project previously deferred, can the Commission provide the following information:

1. Was it informed of this project by the Turkish Government and if so when and through what channels? Has it approved this Turkish Government project?
2. In the light of Turkey's application for admission to the EU, what studies has it carried out and what guarantees has it given regarding the operation of the reactor, given the seismic nature of the eastern Mediterranean and the need to ensure safe nuclear-waste management procedures?