WRITTEN QUESTION E-3481/09 by Georgios Georgiou (IND/DEM) to the Commission

Subject: Turkish authorities bringing illegal immigrants to Greece

In September 2008, the Greek press published photographs (taken by night camera) showing Turkish port authority vessels carrying illegal immigrants into Greek territorial waters. These photographs were also displayed at an event organised by the European Parliament on 8 and 9 September 2008, with the participation of national MPs.

What measures has the Commission taken to put an immediate stop to such acts of piracy by the Turkish authorities? Has provision been made for sanctions in regard to Turkey's accession process?

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