

**Question for written answer E-003065/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: 38 skeletons found in Diyarbakir prisons

A few weeks ago, it was reported in the Turkish press that 38 human skeletons had been found in prisons in Diyarbakir with 9 mm bullet wounds to the head, which are consistent with executions. DNA tests show that the 38 skeletons are not Turkish or Kurdish citizens. Given that information exists showing that Greek Cypriot captives were brought to these prisons following the 1974 war, this news has caused a stir in Cyprus.

Does the Commission intend to investigate the matter and request clarification from the Turkish Government so that the latter can clear up the humanitarian aspects related to those persons reported 'missing in action'? Does the Commission intend to ask Turkey to allow access to military records which remain sealed and which are related to the cases of persons who went missing in action in 1974?