

**Question for written answer E-006926/2013  
to the Commission  
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Subject: Accession of Turkey: opening of negotiations on Chapters 23 and 24

Despite the Turkish Government's exaggerated crackdown on the widespread protests taking place in Turkey, some European policymakers feel that Turkey merits the opening of negotiations on Chapters 23 and 24, stating that it needs the EU's help on issues such as justice and home affairs and the reform of the judicial system.

Apart from the fact that this would actually be a reward for the Turkish Government and a discouragement for the protesters, it is rather naive for the Commission to believe that Turkey needs our help in understanding the meaning of freedom of expression.

Given that negotiations on these chapters have been frozen because of Turkey's refusal to honour its obligations under the Ankara Protocol:

1. does the Commission intend to proceed with the opening of Chapters 23 and 24?
2. is the Commission considering asking the Turkish side to give Famagusta back to the Republic of Cyprus in return for the opening of Chapters 23 and 24?
3. how does the Commission intend to address the strong opposition expressed in the European Parliament to the opening of Chapters 23 and 24?