Question for written answer E-003659/2014 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 117 Michał Tomasz Kamiński (ECR)

Subject: VP/HR - Access to Twitter blocked in Turkey

Following a court ruling, on 20 March 2014 Turkey blocked access to Twitter, the popular social media service. This is a part of Premier Erdogan's ongoing battle with social media, where material highlighting government corruption has been published in recent months. Recep Tayyip Erdogan has announced that other social media portals, which in his opinion constitute a threat to national security, will share a similar fate.

What is the High Representative's response to this clear breach of freedom of speech, a right that has an important place in the European Convention on Human Rights?

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