

**Question for written answer E-004203/2014
to the Commission
Rule 117
Laurence J.A.J. Stassen (NI)**

Subject: Erdoğan's decision to ignore a Constitutional Court judgment; continued blocking of Twitter

The Constitutional Court in Turkey has ruled that the blocking of Twitter breaches freedom of expression. Despite the Court's ruling that the blocking of the social medium should cease, the Turkish authorities are continuing it.

1. Is the Commission aware of the judgment given by the Constitutional Court, ordering that the blocking of Twitter must cease¹?
2. What view does the Commission take of the fact that the Turkish authorities are ignoring the Court's judgment and continuing to block Twitter?
3. Does the Commission agree that this shows that the Turkish authorities are indifferent not only to freedom of expression but also to the rule of law and the separation of powers? If so, what consequences will this have for the accession negotiations between the EU and Turkey? If not, how then does the Commission interpret these developments?
4. Will the Commission refrain from its customary expressions of 'concern' and its naïve 'dialogues' with Turkey and inform the Turkish authorities loudly and clearly that Turkey should never accede to the EU and that the negotiations are therefore to be permanently terminated?

¹ http://www.telegraaf.nl/buitenland/22465872/___Twitter_blijft_geblokkeerd___html