

**Question for written answer E-001241/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Marine Le Pen (ENF)

Subject: Sentencing of Turkish members of parliament

The two co-leaders of the Turkish opposition party, HDP, Figen Yüksekdag and Selahattin Demirtaş, have been given prison sentences for 'insulting the Turkish nation, the state of Turkish Republic and public organs and institutions'. Ms Yüksekdag has also lost her seat in parliament. Thirteen Turkish members of parliament are currently in prison. One does not have to share the political beliefs of the imprisoned elected representatives to see that a situation of this kind is inconceivable in a democracy.

The Commission, as usual, has 'expressed its concern'. How will the sentencing of Figen Yüksekdag and Selahattin Demirtaş affect the negotiations on Turkey's accession?