

Question for written answer E-001724/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Offensive comments from Turkish leaders about the EU

In the run-up to the constitutional referendum to be held in Turkey on 16 April 2017, Turkish ministers are organising political meetings in a number of EU countries. The Dutch Government decided to deny the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, entry into Rotterdam.

Turkish leaders responded with threats and insults.

Çavuşoğlu called his supporters to attend a large rally, which led to riots in the Netherlands. President Erdoğan even had the audacity to brand the Dutch 'Nazi remnants' and 'fascists'.

These particularly intolerable insults were made after Erdoğan had already accused Germany of employing 'Nazi practices'.

Bearing in mind that Germany and the Netherlands are sovereign states, free to decide what demonstrations take place on their territory, this raises the following questions:

- What sanctions does the Commission intend to take against Turkey, which is currently receiving EU funding?
- Does the Commission intend to suspend accession negotiations with the Turkish Government, which is expressing hostility towards EU Member States, permanently?