

**Question for written answer E-005071/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Safe asylum procedures in EU embassies in Turkey

Turkey is systematically encouraging migrants to gradually move to its borders and is using them to blackmail the EU in order to advance its financial and geopolitical ambitions. It has been proven that Turkey orchestrated and supported attempts to illegally cross the EU's borders at the beginning of 2020, disregarding the significant risks for the migrants and refugees involved. In her response to question E-001862/2020, Commissioner Johansson said that she considers 'the Turkish legal framework on temporary and international protection...[to be] sufficient protection, or protection equivalent to that of the 1951 Geneva Convention'. To save human lives and prevent migrants being instrumentalised, it is important that the EU's official representation office in Turkey and the consular authorities of the Member States are able to safely process asylum requests.

1. Do the consular authorities of the Member States and the EU's offices in Turkey already process asylum requests on their premises?
2. If not, could the EU's offices in Turkey be permitted to provide asylum request services to prevent the Turkish authorities exploiting migrants by pushing them to the EU's borders?
3. Does Turkey process asylum requests in its territory?