

**Question for written answer E-005901/2020  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Erdogan's attack on the European Union

On 26 October 2020 it was reported in the press that President Erdogan had described the current situation of Muslims in Europe as being 'similar to that of Jews before World War II', insinuating that there was 'growing Islamophobia' in Europe. These assertions would appear to indicate that a kind of 'attack' on the Islamic faith is taking place in Europe.

Moreover, President Erdogan has apparently called for a boycott of French products following the French President's comments on the tragic beheading of a teacher in Paris a few days ago.

Given that President Erdogan's increasing verbal aggression against the EU and a Member State has reached unacceptable heights, can the Commission say whether:

1. it will vehemently reject the unacceptable statements made by President Erdogan;
2. it will consider the possible diplomatic consequences between the EU and Turkey in the wake of such insulting statements;
3. it does not think that these provocations might contribute to the radicalisation of small but violent minorities, which have already shown themselves to be capable of carrying out highly aggressive and dangerous acts on European territory?