

**Question for written answer E-006788/2020
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Case of the lawyer Turan Canpolat in prison in Turkey

Turan Canpolat, a lawyer, was arrested in January 2016 and sentenced to 10 years in prison under Turkey's anti-terrorism laws. He has been placed in solitary confinement in Malatya prison as it is alleged there is a high risk of him escaping. He has not been allowed visitors since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr Canpolat has submitted several applications to the Turkish Court of Cassation in the course of the past two years, but to date has received no response to his many appeals (14 appeals have gone unanswered by the judicial authorities).

What steps can the Commission take to move this matter forward?

Can the Commission support the request made by Mr Canpolat's lawyers to have access to their client?

More generally, what is the Commission doing to help people arbitrarily imprisoned in Turkey?