

**Question for written answer E-003437/2021/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** New proposal to proscribe the HDP party by the Turkish Public Prosecutor's Office

The Prosecutor's Office of the Supreme Court of Turkey has refiled an indictment to proscribe and dissolve the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) which, with 11.7% of the votes, is the country's third party, to veto 500 members and to freeze its bank accounts two years before Turkey's presidential elections. The indictment comes after the imprisonment of former co-chairs Selahattin Demirtaş and Figen Yüksekdağ (whose immediate release was demanded by the ECtHR in December 2020), 13 deputies, dozens of mayors and thousands of members. In May 2021, a majority of the European Parliament adopted the annual report on Turkey, which warned of backsliding on the rule of law and fundamental rights, the lack of independence of the judiciary and the 'hypercentralised' power of the President.

1. What is the Commission's position concerning the process of outlawing the HDP?
2. What action is the Commission going to take to secure democratic elections in a candidate country?
3. What action has the Commission taken to counter the 'erosion of the rule of law' in Turkey?