

**Question for written answer E-000115/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU support for Turkmenistan's World Trade Organization membership bid

In 2020, the World Trade Organization (WTO) granted Turkmenistan observer status with the possibility of applying for full membership at a later stage, if the country complied with the WTO's membership criteria. On 24 November 2021, Turkmenistan submitted its full membership application to the WTO.

The European External Action Service's position seem to be to support Turkmenistan's membership bid despite its poor human rights record and, in particular, despite ongoing enforced disappearances in the country.

Can the Commission confirm whether the EU will support Turkmenistan's WTO membership bid and, if so, can it indicate whether the support will be conditional and contain human-rights-related provisions and demands for the implementation of wider democratic reforms in the country?