

**Question for written answer E-002750/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Denial of entry into Turkey for Turkish Cypriot journalist Aysu Basri Akter

On 25 July the Turkish Cypriot journalist Aysu Basri Akter was denied entry into Turkey. After a 19-hour wait at the airport, she was sent back to Cyprus. The journalist is not the first Turkish Cypriot to be denied entry into Turkey.

In the last few months several Turkish Cypriot activists, journalists and trade unionists have been refused entry into Turkey. The official reason that all have been given is that they are a threat to 'Turkey's national security'. However, the main reason is that they have denounced Turkey's policies in the northern part of Cyprus and are in favour of a federal solution on the island.

In the light of the above, what action does the Commission intend to take to safeguard the rights of European citizens from violation by the Turkish Government?