

Question for written answer E-001672/2023

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Elections in Türkiye

Local civil society actors and international observers have alleged that rights were violated during the elections in Türkiye on 14 May. OSCE observers have stressed that the persecution of the opposition (especially the Kurdish opposition represented by members of the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP)) 'prevented full political pluralism and impeded individuals' rights to run in the elections'. The delegation complained that biased media coverage gave an unjustified advantage to certain political parties.

Parties such as YSP, HDP and CHP reported various irregularities concerning the freedom to vote in polling stations and during the counting. The second round of elections will take place on 28 May.

In light of the above:

1. What action has been or will be taken by the Vice-President / High Representative to support the guarantees of transparency and freedom of the election?
2. Does the Vice-President / High Representative believe that the electoral process is taking place with sufficient democratic guarantees?

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