

**Question for written answer E-002248/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Condemnation of Türkiye for violation of European Convention on Human Rights

On 6 June, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) found Türkiye guilty of failing to respect the confidentiality of meetings between Selahattin Demirtaş and Figen Yüksekdağ, former co-chairs of the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP, a pro-Kurdish opposition party), and their lawyers. According to press reports, the applicants, who were imprisoned in November 2016, were given no choice but to have audio and video recordings made of their conversations with their lawyers. The ECHR considered that the domestic courts had not demonstrated the existence of exceptional circumstances that could justify derogating from the core principle of the confidentiality of the applicants' meetings with their lawyers in order to fulfil the requirements of Article 5(4) of the Convention.

In view of the ECHR's conviction, can the Commission say whether it will speak out against Türkiye for its failure to comply with the Convention?

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