

ORAL QUESTION H-0064/03
for Question Time at the part-session in March 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Ban on political parties in Turkey

Turkey is a candidate for accession to the European Union. As part of the accession process, it is required to comply with specific procedures in order to meet the Copenhagen criteria.

What is the Council's position on the fact that in Turkey - in addition to the many other violations of democratic and human rights - the constitution continues to ban any party whose name contains the word 'communist', and what measures will the Council take in this regard?

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