

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1239/04
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to the Council

Subject: Inclusion of Kongra-Gel on the list of associations considered to be terrorist organisations

The Council recently placed the organisation Kongra-Gel on the list of associations considered by the EU to be terrorist organisations.

In so doing, it has adopted the position of Turkey, which views this organisation as the continuation of the self-dissolved PKK and KADEK.

It has not, therefore, taken into account either Kongra-Gel's programme, in which states its intention to use peaceful means, fully respecting the borders of the countries of the Middle East in which there are Kurdish minorities, or the fact that Kongra-Gel consists of other parties active in those countries, including government parties in the Kurdish part of Iraq, or the fact that some of those parties represent minorities other than Kurds, such as the Assyrian-Chaldean minority.

Nor has it taken into account Turkey's manifest total unreliability on the matter: committed as that country currently is to fomenting ethnic conflict in Iraq and, has always been, to preventing any possibility of political self-representation of the Kurdish minority with, for example, the systematic dissolution of parties from that minority, which are prejudged as 'terrorist' and 'separatist' even when they use peaceful and democratic methods and recognise the borders of the country.

Can the Council indicate what real acts of terrorism have been carried out by Kongra-Gel, which alone could justify the decision to consider this organisation a terrorist organisation?