

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1397/04  
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to the Commission

Subject: Report on Turkey's progress - reopening of Halki seminary

The European Parliament's report on Turkey's progress towards accession to the European Union was recently adopted in plenary (A5-0204/2004). The report makes a number of observations regarding the measures which Turkey needs to take in order to improve the situation with respect to fundamental rights in the country.

Specifically, paragraph 35 of the resolution reiterates Parliament's call for the historic Halki seminary to be reopened as soon as possible. It stresses, further, that no significant progress has yet been made on this issue.

What steps will the Commission take to exert the necessary pressure on Turkey to persuade it to embark on the process of reopening the seminary?