

**Question for written answer P-005194/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Banning access to Twitter and YouTube in Turkey

In the wake of the ban on the social network Twitter, the Turkish Telecommunications Authority has also blocked Turkish users' access to YouTube following an administrative decision: such a move represents a violation of the freedom of expression and individual rights of Turkish citizens.

How does the Commission view the gagging of the internet and social media in Turkey?

How is such behaviour consistent with that expected of a candidate country?