

**Question for written answer E-001287/2019  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Secret torture sites in Turkey

Reports by international organisations of the ill-treatment and torture of detainees and prisoners in Turkey are pouring in, detailing the severe conditions in which they are held and claiming that the government has secret torture sites. According to a report by Cumhuriyet daily newspaper, a woman detained on charges of terrorism alleged at a hearing on 5 February 2019 that she was tortured for six months at a secret centre in Ankara run by Turkey's National Intelligence Organisation (MİT). Similar accounts of torture were given during the same hearing. Correctiv, a non-profit investigative newsroom based in Europe, reported in December that Turkey has set up 'secret torture sites inside Turkey' to interrogate people with links to the Gülen movement and that the MİT has been abducting people in Turkey and abroad.

What information does the Commission have on the use of torture in Turkey, especially on secret torture sites located in Turkey, and what actions does it intend to take in order to protect the basic human rights of people living in Turkey?