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Conditions of detention for Mr Öcalan

Written question No 487 to the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers
presented by Mr Austin

Noting that, despite Prime Minister Erdogan's positive statements in Diyarbakir and the consequent positive steps taken by Kongra-Gel for practically a one-sided cease-fire, tension and violence in Turkey have increased dramatically within the past year.

Further noting that at the centre of the escalation of tension is Mr Öcalan and that there are serious doubts about his health and isolated condition as the sole inmate at the Imrali island prison.

To ask the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers,

What measures the Committee has taken or will take to ensure that Mr Öcalan's health is not at risk and the isolation condition does not exceed the framework set out in the Convention?

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