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## In the aftermath of Hrant Dink's murder

Written question No 519 to the Committee of Ministers  
presented by Mr Lindblad

The importance of Article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights for the protection of media freedom throughout Europe was underlined by the Parliamentary Assembly during the at debate during the recent January Part-Session.

In the recommendation 1783 the Assembly recommends the Committee of Ministers to follow the example of other Council of Europe authorities after the murders of Anna Politkovskaya and Hrant Dink and condemn the attacks on journalists in Europe. Furthermore, the Assembly called on the Turkish Parliament to abolish the penal code Article 301 on insulting Turkish identity. This legislation has been strongly criticised by the international community. Mr. Dink, among others, had been sentenced for violating this article.

Recently, pictures have occurred in media showing the suspected murderer of Mr. Dink together with Turkish security force members. The fact that the arresting officials seem to celebrate the suspected murderer of Mr. Dink raises fears of the involvement by Turkish authorities.

When considering the reply to the Assembly's recommendation 1783, I urge the Committee of Ministers to underline that the behaviour of members of Turkish security force does not comply with obligations of member states of the Council of Europe.

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EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party  
ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe  
EDG: European Democratic Group  
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left  
NR: not registered in a group