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<p>Ratification of the Protocol for the Implementation of Article 8 of the Agreement between the Government of the Hellenic Republic and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on Combating crime, Especially Terrorism, Organized Crime, Illicit Drug Trafficking and Illegal Immigration</p>
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The Commission issued an opinion expressing its serious concern regarding, *inter alia*, the non-inclusion in the above Protocol (Law 3030/2002) of any express clauses addressing the effective protection of asylum seekers arriving in Greece from Turkey, according to the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. The Commission pointed out that in a number of cases the conditions of aliens' refoulement raise concerns as to the safeguarding of fundamental human rights of the whole of persons attempting to enter Greek territory, including illegal immigrants.

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