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Amendment 1

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Paragraph 2

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2. Underlines, however, that measures taken under the state of emergency had large-scale, disproportionate and long-lasting negative effects on the protection of fundamental freedoms in the country; condemns the collective dismissal of civil servants, the mass liquidation of media outlets, the arrests of journalists, academics, judges, human rights defenders, elected officials and ordinary citizens, and the confiscation of property and passports on the basis of emergency decree laws without individualised decisions, and without the possibility of timely judicial review;

Amendment

2. Underlines, however, that measures taken under the state of emergency had large-scale, disproportionate and long-lasting negative effects on **a large number of citizens and as well as on** the protection of fundamental freedoms in the country; condemns the collective dismissal of civil servants, **increasing abduction cases of dissidents both in Turkey and abroad**, the mass liquidation of media outlets, the arrests of journalists, academics, judges, human rights defenders, elected officials and ordinary citizens, and the confiscation of **all of their properties and assets** property and passports on the basis of emergency decree laws without individualised decisions, and without the possibility of timely judicial review; **stresses, however, that an increasing authoritarianism, politisation of the judiciary and security forces, erosion of the rule of law and fundamental freedoms**

long preceded the coup attempt;

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Paragraph 3

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3. ***Stresses the strategic importance of good EU-Turkey relations for both sides; recognises that both Turkey and the EU have gone through their own internal transformation processes since the accession negotiations were opened in 2004;*** regrets that the accession instruments have not been used to the fullest extent and that, over the years, Turkey's full integration into the EU has lost public support on both sides; remains committed to cooperating and maintaining an open dialogue with the Turkish Government, in order to address common challenges; recommends that the Council urgently invite the Turkish Government to a summit to discuss the obvious crisis in EU-Turkey relations that we are faced with;

Amendment

3. ***Is deeply concerned that Turkey's internal transformation process and its foreign policy in the Middle East is increasingly making Turkey a strategic liability rather than an asset for the EU;*** regrets that the accession instruments have not been used to the fullest extent and that, over the years, Turkey's full integration into the EU has lost public support on both sides; remains committed to cooperating and maintaining an open dialogue with the Turkish Government, in order to address common challenges; recommends that the Council urgently invite the Turkish Government to a summit to discuss the obvious crisis in EU-Turkey relations that we are faced with;

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Paragraph 4

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4. Takes note of the outcome of the referendum that took place on 16 April 2017, held under the state of emergency and in circumstances that prevented a fair campaign; supports an independent evaluation of all claims regarding irregularities; notes the remarks of the Venice Commission on the constitutional reform, and underlines that the proposed constitutional amendments do not respect the fundamental principles of the separation of powers and sufficient checks and balances, and are not in line with the Copenhagen criteria;

Amendment

4. Takes note of the outcome of the referendum that took place on 16 April 2017, held under the state of emergency and in circumstances that prevented a fair campaign ***and violated the rights of the opponents of the constitutional reform;*** supports an independent evaluation of all claims regarding irregularities; notes the remarks of the Venice Commission on the constitutional reform, and underlines that the proposed constitutional amendments do not respect the fundamental principles of the separation of powers and sufficient checks and balances, and are not in line with the Copenhagen criteria;

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Paragraph 6

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6. **Notes** that measures undertaken following the declaration of the state of emergency have **targeted** alleged **members/supporters** of the Gülen movement, dissent in general and political parties of the opposition in particular; strongly condemns the imprisonment of 13 MPs belonging to the People's Democratic Party (HDP), including its co-chairs, and of 90 Kurdish municipal mayors; urges the Turkish Government to lift the state of emergency immediately; underlines that the reintroduction of the death penalty would violate Turkey's international commitments and lead to an immediate end to the EU accession talks;

Amendment

6. **Is concerned** that measures undertaken following the declaration of the state of emergency have **through detainment, arrest, and property confiscation intensified the crackdown on among many others tens of thousands of teachers, business people, civil society representatives, lawyers, students, medical doctors, housewives who are** alleged **participants/supporters** of the Gülen movement, dissent in general and political parties of the opposition in particular; **is dismayed by the number of alleged ill-treatment against suspects and arrested persons in detention centers and prisons, which includes torture, rape and killing in some incidents as reported by the human rights organizations; demands a thorough investigation by the Turkish authorities into these allegations, and full accountability and punishment of those guilty of human rights violations;** strongly

condemns the imprisonment of 13 MPs belonging to the People's Democratic Party (HDP), including its co-chairs ***Figen Yuksekdag and Selahattin Demirtas***, and of 90 Kurdish municipal mayors, ***as well as raids on the headquarters of the HDP***; urges the Turkish Government to lift the state of emergency immediately; ***is deeply concerned about the support for the re-introduction of the death penalty repeatedly declared by the Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan***; underlines that the reintroduction of the death penalty would violate Turkey's international commitments and lead to an immediate end to the EU accession talks;

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Paragraph 9

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9. Expresses its serious concern at the continuously deteriorating situation in south-east Turkey, especially in the areas where curfews were imposed, where some **2 000** people were reportedly killed in the context of security operations and an estimated half a million people became displaced in the period from July 2015 to December 2016; notes that local prosecutors have consistently refused to open investigations into the reported killings; is convinced that only a fair political settlement of the Kurdish question can bring sustainable stability and prosperity both to the area and to Turkey as a whole; notes that a series of laws have created an atmosphere of 'systematic impunity' for the security forces; regrets the decision of the Turkish Parliament to waive the immunity of a large number of MPs unconstitutionally, paving the way for

Amendment

9. Expresses its serious concern at the continuously deteriorating situation in south-east Turkey, especially in the areas where curfews were imposed, where some **2 000** people were reportedly killed in the context of security operations and an estimated half a million people became displaced in the period from July 2015 to December 2016; ***strongly condemns systematic disruptions of communications, business transactions and public services, including health care provisions, in the region, which amounts to a large scale collective punishment of its inhabitants***; notes that local prosecutors have consistently refused to open investigations into the reported killings; is convinced that only a fair political settlement of the Kurdish question can bring sustainable stability and prosperity both to the area and to Turkey as a whole; notes that a series of laws have created an

the arrests of opposition politicians;

atmosphere of 'systematic impunity' for the security forces; regrets the decision of the Turkish Parliament to waive the immunity of a large number of MPs unconstitutionally, paving the way for the arrests of opposition politicians;

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Amendment 6

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Is deeply concerned about the entrenchment of a state-encouraged mob culture, which includes demonising and criminalising political opponents through media hostility campaigns, hate speech against Kurds, Alevis and other religious and ethnic minorities, conspiracy theories that present the EU and its member states as enemies of the Turkish people;

Or. en

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Amendment 7

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. ***Welcomes the deepening of*** EU-Turkey ***relations*** in key areas of joint interest, such as counter-terrorism, migration, energy, the economy and trade; ***believes EU-Turkey cooperation in these areas to*** be an investment in the stability and prosperity of both Turkey and the EU;

Amendment

12. ***Believes that*** EU-Turkey ***cooperation*** in key areas of joint interest, such as counter-terrorism, migration, energy, the economy and trade ***can only*** be an investment in the stability and prosperity of both Turkey and the EU ***if it is based on respect by both sides of their commitments on fundamental rights and basic freedoms;***

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Amendment 8

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Believes that strengthening trade relations could bring concrete benefits to citizens in Turkey and the EU, and therefore supports the Commission's proposal to start negotiations on the upgrading of the Customs Union; reiterates that the EU is Turkey's main trading partner and that two thirds of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Turkey comes from EU Member States; considers the involvement of social partners in negotiations as crucial; ***calls on the Commission to include political benchmarks on human rights and fundamental freedoms in the upgraded Customs Union;***

Amendment

13. Believes that strengthening trade relations could bring concrete benefits to citizens in Turkey and the EU, and therefore supports the Commission's proposal to start negotiations on the upgrading of the Customs Union, ***provided political benchmarks on human rights and fundamental freedoms are included in the upgraded Customs Union;*** reiterates that the EU is Turkey's main trading partner and that two thirds of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Turkey comes from EU Member States; considers the involvement of social partners in negotiations as crucial;

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Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Commission to take into account the latest developments in Turkey when conducting the mid-term review of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) funds in 2017, and to suspend all pre-accession funds if Turkey no longer sufficiently complies with the EU's Copenhagen criteria; calls on the Commission to use those funds to support Turkish civil society and to invest more in people-to-people exchange programmes, such as Erasmus+ for students;

Amendment

15. Calls on the Commission to take into account the latest developments in Turkey when conducting the mid-term review of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) funds in 2017, and to suspend all pre-accession funds if Turkey no longer sufficiently complies with the EU's Copenhagen criteria; calls on the Commission to use those funds to support **directly** Turkish civil society and to invest more in people-to-people exchange programmes, such as Erasmus+ for students;

Or. en

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Amendment 10

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Condemns in the strongest terms all terrorist attacks carried out in Turkey, and stands firmly by Turkey's population in our joint fight against terrorism; welcomes the close bilateral relations between EU Member States and Turkey in the field of anti-terrorism cooperation, including on 'foreign fighters'; **reiterates its condemnation of** the return to violence by the ***Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)***, **which has been** on the EU's list of terrorist organisations **since 2002; invites the Member States to enforce legislation banning the use of signs and symbols of organisations which are on that list;**

Amendment

16. Condemns in the strongest terms all terrorist attacks carried out in Turkey, and stands firmly by Turkey's population in our joint fight against terrorism; welcomes the close bilateral relations between EU Member States and Turkey in the field of anti-terrorism cooperation, including on 'foreign fighters'; **deeply regrets** the return to violence by the ***PKK and urges it to lay down its arms and to use peaceful and legal means to voice its expectations; calls on the Turkish authorities to restart talks with all the relevant parties to bring about a comprehensive and sustainable solution to the Kurdish question; stresses that the inclusion of the PKK*** on the EU's list of terrorist organisations ***is standing in the way of the establishment of peace, dialogue and negotiations, and also facilitating the infringement of human rights; calls therefore on the Council to revise the list and remove the PKK from***

it;

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Amendment 11

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Commends the engagement **by the Turkish Government** and the hospitality shown by the **population** in hosting around 3 million refugees; **notes** the EU-Turkey statement on migration, **and** urges the Member States to initiate the voluntary resettlement scheme for **the most vulnerable** refugees in Turkey; calls on the Commission to ensure long-term investment in both refugees and their host communities in Turkey; **encourages the Turkish Government to grant work permits to all Syrian refugees; calls on Ankara to keep up its patrolling efforts in the Aegean and to implement fully the bilateral readmission agreements signed with Bulgaria and Greece;**

Amendment

17. Commends the engagement and the hospitality shown by the **people of Turkey** in hosting around 3 million refugees; **deplores** the EU-Turkey statement on migration **and the EU's attempt to replicate it with other third countries, such as Libya; takes the view that this flawed policy violates EU's human rights principles and undermines any foreign policy designed for the promotion of human rights, the rule of law and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and is counter-productive in the long term; expresses serious concern at the reports of refugees' human rights being violated** urges the Member States to initiate **with no further delay** the voluntary resettlement scheme for refugees in Turkey; calls on the Commission to ensure long-term investment in both refugees and their host communities in Turkey **and to put in place mechanisms to ensure the**

*adequate expenditure of the funds;
encourages the Turkish Government to
grant work permits to all Syrian refugees;*

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Amendment 12

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Stresses that including Turkey on the list of so-called safe countries would have a detrimental impact on the right to claim for asylum of Turkish citizens suffering repression in Turkey; recalls EASO's Country of Origin Information report on Turkey published in November 2016 at the request of this Parliament and the European Council, which describes concerning findings regarding Turkish's state structure, socio-political landscape, rule of law and state protection, security and human rights situation;

Or. en

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Amendment 13

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Is concerned about the allegations that the Turkey National Intelligence Organization hacked a server of the Bylock mobile messaging application based in Lithuania and used that data to prepare a list about users suspected of being linked to the Gülen network; calls for a thorough investigation, including on the alleged cooperation of Lithuanian officials;

Or. en

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Amendment 14

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Underlines that a settlement of the Cyprus problem would have a positive impact on the entire region, while first and foremost benefiting both Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots; praises the leaders of the Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus for having achieved major progress in the settlement talks; welcomes the exchange of preferred maps, thus far unprecedented, and the first international conference held with the guarantor powers; supports the settlement based on a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation with political equality, a single international legal personality, single sovereignty and single citizenship with political equality between the two communities, in line with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and on the basis of respect for the principles on which the Union is founded; welcomes the intensified engagement by the parties to achieve the

Amendment

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settlement of the Cyprus problem; expects Turkey to show active support for the negotiations, and reiterates that Turkey's commitment and contribution to a comprehensive settlement remain crucial; praises the important work of the Committee on Missing Persons (CMP), and calls on Turkey to allow access to all relevant sites and to assist the CMP by providing information from its military archives;

settlement of the Cyprus problem; expects Turkey to show active support for the negotiations, and reiterates that Turkey's commitment and contribution to a comprehensive settlement remain crucial; praises the important work of the Committee on Missing Persons (CMP), and calls on Turkey to allow access to all relevant sites and to assist the CMP by providing information from its military archives; ***reiterates its demand for the withdrawal of all Turkish armed forces from Cyprus as an indispensable requisite for a long-lasting peaceful solution in the interests of all Cypriots;***

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Paragraph 19 a (new)

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Amendment

19 a. Calls on Turkey to respect fully the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all of its neighbours; in particular, urges Turkey to abandon any irredentist claims on parts of the Syrian and Iraqi territory;

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Paragraph 19 b (new)

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Amendment

19 b. Condemns Turkey's attacks on the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and in particular its Kurdish component the People's Protection Units (YPG), which has proved to be a valuable asset for the international anti-Daesh coalition; considers that such actions undermine the international efforts to fight Daesh and calls on Turkey to immediately cease attacks against SDF and YPG and commit itself fully to the fight against Daesh and other terrorist entities recognised as such by the UNSC;

Or. en

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Paragraph 19 c (new)

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Amendment

19 c. Reiterates its call on Turkey to recognize the Armenian Genocide, as that would represent an important step to come to terms with its past and thus to pave the way for a genuine reconciliation between the Turkish and Armenian peoples;

Or. en