

## REPORT ON THE 2018 COMMISSION REPORT ON TURKEY (2018/2150(INI))

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### LIST OF COMPROMISES

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#### COMP 1

##### Concerns Paragraph 1

Covers AMs 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

1. *Notes that the state of emergency introduced after the 2016 coup attempt was extended 7 times; welcomes the decision of 19 July 2018 to lift the state of emergency; regrets, however, that the new legislation introduced in July 2018, in particularly Law no. 7145, preserves many of the powers granted to the President and Executive under the state of emergency and basically enables the state of emergency to continue with all the applications to limit freedoms and basic human rights; stresses that this dampens any positive effect of the termination of the state of emergency; notes that the prolonged state of emergency has led to an erosion of the rule of law and to the deterioration of human rights in Turkey which may have long-lasting implications on the institutional and socio-economic fabric of Turkey; is concerned that many of the procedures envisaged during the State of Emergency are still being applied by police forces and local administrations; is concerned about the serious backsliding in the areas of freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, freedom of association and procedural and property rights; ~~regrets that the adoption of new legislative proposals preserves many of the abusive powers granted to the president and executive under the state of emergency and thereby dampens any positive effect of its termination;~~*

## COMP 2

### Concerns Paragraph 2 and Paragraph 2a (new)

Covers AMs 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 57, 92, 93, 117, 156, 158, 160, 245, 246, 248, 281

AMs 280 fall if compromise 2 adopted

2. **Recalls *Is deeply concerned*** that over 150 000 people were taken into custody in the post-coup crackdown and 78 000 have been arrested ***on the basis of*** terrorism charges, while more than 50 000 people remain in jail, ***in most cases without conclusive evidence***; expresses concern at the excessively lengthy pre-trial detention and judicial proceedings, the fact that in several cases no indictment has been issued yet, and the harshness of detention conditions; ***expresses concern at the widespread practice of cancelling the passports of the relatives of the detainees and suspects and stresses the need for due process and administrative redress where the cancellation is not soundly justified***; is particularly concerned at the fact that such arrests seem to also target legitimate voices of dissent, ***human rights defenders, journalists*** or members of the opposition; is very worried at the allegations of ill-treatment and torture against those in prison, as reported by several human rights organisations ***and the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights***; ***is deeply concerned about reports indicating that long-term solitary confinement is applied widely, turning into a second punishment for the detainees; warns against the abuse of anti-terror measures to legitimise the repression of human rights; urges Turkey to observe the proportionality principle in its measures to fight against terrorism, as well as to make its anti-terrorism legislation compliant with international human rights standards***;
- 2a. ***Regrets the actions undertaken by the Turkish government against Turkish citizens in third countries, including harassments and kidnappings, covert surveillance, as well as hotlines through which people are encouraged to report other citizens to the Turkish government; Is deeply worried about the illegal abduction operations and extradition of 101 Turkish nationals, which were conducted in 18 countries, as confirmed by the Turkish authorities' statement on 16 July 2018; urges EU Member States ~~that any~~ to process any extradition requests by Turkey ~~are processed~~ in a transparent manner, while following judicial procedures fully in line with international human rights standards; reiterates Interpol arrest warrants cannot be misused to target Turkish dissidents, human rights defenders, journalists and those critical of the government, including former Sakharov Prize finalist Can Dündar***;

## COMP 3

### Concerns Paragraph 3

Covers AMs 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 189

3. Notes that since the introduction of the state of emergency more than 152 000 civil servants - including teachers, doctors, (peace) academics, *lawyers*, judges and prosecutors - have been dismissed; notes that 125 000 people applied to the Inquiry Commission on the State of Emergency Measures (CoSEM) which is tasked with reviewing and deciding within two years on complaints about measures taken under the state of emergency and related decrees, and **81 000** of them are still awaiting a decision; ***notes the very low rate (7%) of favourable outcomes leading to the reinstatement of the applicants in their function***; is concerned about the narrow scope of the mandate of the Commission, its lack of independence and the fact that examinations are made on the sole basis of documents in the case-file, without participation of the person concerned; notes that the dismissals have had a ***very*** harsh impact on the individuals concerned and on their families, including ***in economic terms, and that the dismissals*** come with a lasting social and professional stigma; calls on the Turkish government to ensure that all individuals have the right to ***due process and to*** have their cases reviewed by an independent judicial court ***in accordance with international standards*** that can ***ensure*** compensation for the material and moral damage caused by their arbitrary dismissal; ***calls on Turkey to ensure the operational, structural and financial independence of the National Human Rights and Equality Institution and the Ombudsman Institution in order to guarantee their capacity to provide actual review and redress opportunities***;

## COMP 4

### Concerns Paragraph 4

Covers AMs 59, 60, 61, 62, 100

4. Condemns the increased executive control and political ***pressure over*** the work of judges and prosecutors; stresses that a serious reform of the legislative and judicial branches of power is needed for Turkey ***in order to improve the access to the justice system, increase its effectiveness and provide better protection for the right to trial within a reasonable time; stresses that these reforms are needed also for Turkey*** to comply with its obligations under international human rights law; ***is worried that the dismissal of more than 4000 judges and prosecutors is a threat to the independence and impartiality of the judiciary; also considers that the arrest of over 570 lawyers is an obstacle to the right to defend and a violation of the right to fair trial; in addition, condemns the detention and judicial harassment of human rights lawyers; calls on the Reform Action Group to review the judicial reform strategy and bring it in line with the required standards of the EU and Council of Europe; calls on Turkey to ensure throughout the reform process the participation of all relevant stakeholders and notably of civil society organisations; calls on the Commission to monitor the adequate use of EU funding allocated to the training of the judiciary and law enforcement, which should not be used to legitimise repressive behaviour;***

## COMP 5

### Concerns Paragraph 5

Covers AMs 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72, 102

5. ***Reiterates the importance of media freedom and media independence as one of the core values of the EU and the cornerstone of any democracy;*** expresses serious concern about the disproportionate and arbitrary measures curtailing freedom of expression, media freedom and access to information; condemns the closure of more than 160 media outlets, the ***high*** number of journalists ***and media workers arrested*** in the aftermath of the coup attempt, ***the unsubstantiated and disproportionate sentences handed down and the ~~high number of~~ more than 114 000 websites which were blocked in Turkey until last year, including that of Wikipedia; points to the restrictions which were put in place on the rights of journalists and human rights defenders working on the Kurdish issue;*** urges Turkey to guarantee media freedom as a matter of priority and to immediately release and acquit all unlawfully detained journalists; ***calls on the Turkish authorities to demonstrate zero tolerance towards all incidents of physical and verbal abuse or threats against journalists and to allow media outlets which were arbitrarily closed to reopen;***

## COMP 6

### Concerns Paragraph 6

Covers AMs 58, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 94, 95, 100, 101, 104, 105, 109, 143

6. Expresses **great** concern at the shrinking space for civil society and the promotion of fundamental rights and freedoms; ~~notes~~ **stresses** that a large number of activists, including human rights defenders, were arrested and demonstrations were recurrently banned during the state of emergency; calls on Turkey to ***release all imprisoned human rights defenders, journalists and others who have been detained on unsubstantiated charges, and to drop those charges, and to enable them to carry out their work without threat or impediment in all circumstances***; ***calls on Turkey to protect the fundamental rights of all citizens, including ethnic, religious and sexual minorities; recalls that legislation in Turkey on hate speech is not in line with the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights; urges the Government and Parliament of Turkey to adopt a hate crimes law that can protect all minorities from physical and verbal attacks, fulfil the Copenhagen criteria for accession countries on respect for and protection of minorities; calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase their protection of and support for human rights defenders at risk in Turkey, including through emergency grants***;

## COMP 7

### Concerns Paragraph 7

Covers AM 113, 114, 118

7. Condemns the arbitrary detention of Osman Kavala, a prominent and respected leading civil society figure in Turkey, who, to date, has been detained without indictment for more than a year; pledges to continue to follow his case very closely and calls for his immediate and unconditional release; ***disapproves of the detention of 13 academics and activists on 16 November 2018, in connection with the case of Osman Kavala; ~~who~~ notes that 12 of them were released after having given their depositions and that one of them is still detained; asks for the latter's release from prison pending proceedings and to lift the travel ban for the others***;

## COMP 8

### Concerns Paragraph 7a (new), Paragraph 7b (new), Paragraph 7c (new)

Covers AMs 17, 18, 19, 71, 73, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 96, 97, 98, 99, 107, 110, 111, 112, 116, 120, 121, 122, 165, 190, 226, 269, 287, 318

- 7a. *Is seriously concerned about the lack of respect for the freedom of religion, about discrimination against religious minorities, including Christians and Alevis, and violence on religious grounds; stresses that churches continue to face problems with establishing or continuing the use of places of worship; calls on the Turkish authorities to promote positive and effective reforms in the area of freedom of thought, conscience and religion, by enabling religious communities to obtain legal personality, allowing charitable foundations to elect their governing bodies, eliminating all restrictions on the training, appointment and succession of the clergy, complying with the relevant judgements of the ECtHR and the recommendations of the Venice Commission and by eliminating all forms of discrimination or barriers based on religion; calls on Turkey to respect the distinct character and importance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and to recognise its legal personality; reiterates the need to allow the reopening of the Halki Seminary and lift all obstacles to its proper functioning; calls for the electoral regulations for non-Muslim foundations to be published; welcomes the Turkish government's return of 50 Aramean churches, monasteries and cemeteries in Mardin, and calls on Turkish authorities to also return the associated lands to their rightful owners; points to the impact of the security measures on the population in Tur Abdin and calls on Turkey to ensure that the local population can maintain adequate access to education, economic activities and religious sites; urges Turkey to do its utmost to avoid the destruction of Aramean cultural heritage by the ongoing preparatory works on the Ilisiu dam; calls on Turkish authorities to combat seriously all manifestations of anti-Semitism in society;*
- 7b. *Expresses concern about violations against the human rights of LGBTI people, in particular the repeated bans of Pride marches and LGBTI-related events across the country which are still being imposed, despite the lifting of the state of emergency, and calls on these discriminatory bans to be immediately lifted; Calls on Turkey to take adequate measures to prevent and punish hate speech or crimes targeting disadvantaged people, such as Roma, Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers and urges for sustained efforts to improve their situation; calls on Turkey to fully implement the 2016-2021 Roma Integration Strategy Plan, paying particular attention to the fight against anti-Gypsyism, to guarantee access to quality and affordable housing, to safeguard access to education, to prevent early school drop-out, to fight against segregation, and to increase employment rate among Roma; notes with concern the increase in the number of so-called 'honour killings'; asks Turkey to harmonise its domestic legislation with the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women; calls on Turkey to provide full equality for all citizens and to address the problems faced by members of minorities, in particular with regard to education and property rights; recalls the importance of the full implementation of the resolution by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on Umbros and Tenedos and calls on Turkey to assist the repatriation of minority families who wish to return to the islands; welcomes the opening of the Greek-minority school on the island of Imbros, which constitutes a positive step;*

- 7c. *Calls on the Turkish government to respect and fully implement the legal obligations which it has entered into concerning the protection of cultural heritage, and, in particular, to draw up in good faith an integrated inventory of Greek, Armenian, Assyrian and other cultural heritage that was destroyed or ruined in the course of the last century; calls on Turkey to ratify the 2005 UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions; calls on Turkey to cooperate with the relevant international organisations, especially the Council of Europe, in preventing and combating illicit trafficking and the deliberate destruction of cultural heritage;*

## COMP 9

### Concerns Paragraph 8

Covers AMs 123, 126, 127, 128, 131

AMs 124, 125, 134, 136 will be deemed incompatible with COMP 9 and will fall.

8. Is deeply concerned at the situation in Turkey's South-East and the serious allegations of human rights abuses, *excessive use of force, torture, and the severe curtailment of the right to freedom of opinion and expression as well as political participation in the South East*, especially since the collapse of the Kurdish settlement process in 2015, *as documented by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and human rights defenders in Turkey*; reiterates its firm condemnation of the return to violence by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which has been on the EU list of terrorist organisations since 2002; ~~recalls, in this regard, the recent ruling of the European Court of Justice to keep the PKK on the EU terror list~~; stresses the urgency of resuming a credible political process leading to a peaceful settlement of the Kurdish issue; calls on Turkey to promptly investigate serious allegations of human rights abuses and killings and to allow international observers to carry out an independent verification; *is concerned by the destruction of historical heritage sites in the South-East, including of Diyarbakir's ancient Sur which was included in UNESCO's World Heritage List, which threatens the preservation of Kurdish identity and culture in Turkey;*

## COMP 10

### Concerns Paragraph 9

Covers AMs 138-139

9. Notes with concern that during the state of emergency a very large number of mayors and *deputy mayors* in the South-East were dismissed **and/or** arrested and that the Government appointed trustees to replace them; ***stresses that, as a result, a large part of Turkey's population has not been ~~not~~ democratically represented at the local level;*** takes the view that the municipal elections in March 2019 must provide an important opportunity to fully reinstate the principle of direct democratic mandate;

## COMP 11

### Concerns Paragraph 10

Covers AMs 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 162, 164

10. Notes ***with concern*** that the state of emergency ***and certain provisions under the constitutional reform package*** further constrained the capacity of the Grand National Assembly to fulfil its fundamental role of democratic scrutiny and accountability; notes with great concern the arrest of two CHP MPs and the way the People's Democratic Party (HDP) has been particularly marginalized with ***many*** HDP lawmakers being arrested on the grounds of alleged support for terrorist activities; ***calls for the release of all Members of the Grand National Assembly held on account of speeches made and actions taken while carrying out their parliamentary work; underlines that the Turkish Grand National Assembly should be the central institution in Turkish democracy, and represent all citizens on equal terms; regrets the high electoral threshold, which curbs true political representation and is not reflective of Turkey's pluralistic society;***

## COMP 12

### Concerns Paragraph 11

Covers AMs 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155

11. Condemns the continued arrest of Selahattin Demirtas, opposition leader and presidential candidate; *welcomes the ruling of the European Court of Human Rights on his case, which calls on the Turkish authorities to immediately release him; stresses that the European Court of Human Rights further ruled that Demirtas's detention, pursued the predominant ulterior purpose of stifling pluralism and limiting freedom of political debate; condemns the intention of Turkish authorities to contravene the ruling of the ECtHR; expects the Commission and the Member States to follow his case very closely and calls for his immediate and unconditional release;*

## COMP 13

### Concerns Paragraph 13

Covers AMs 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 191, 193

AMs 12, 40 fall if Compromise adopted

13. ***Taking all of the above into account, recommends that*** the Commission and the ***Council of the European Union***, in accordance with the Negotiating Framework, formally suspend the accession negotiations with Turkey; remains, however, committed to democratic ***and political*** dialogue with Turkey; asks the Commission to use, ~~during the formal suspension of negotiations,~~ all funds available ***currently allocated*** under IPA II and the future IPA III to support, through a dedicated envelope directly managed by the EU, Turkey's civil society, ***human rights defenders and journalists*** and to increase opportunities for ***people to people*** contacts, academic dialogue, access for Turkish students to European universities and media platforms for journalists ***with the objective of protecting and promoting democratic values and principles, human rights and the rule of law***; ~~underlines that this suspension is without~~ ***without prejudice to article 49 TEU and it does not close the door for Turkey's future European ambitions; notes expects that the relation between Turkey and the EU needs to be redefined in terms of an effective partnership that allows to overcome the current vicious circle of discontent between the EU and Turkey and successfully engage in democratic and reform dialogue and cooperation; recalls and reiterates its invitation to the Commission, the Member States and Turkey to hold an open and honest discussion about the areas of mutual interest for which intensified cooperation would be possible during the formal suspension; underlines that any political engagement between the EU and Turkey should be built on conditionality provisions concerning respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights***;

## COMP 14

### Concerns Paragraph 15

Covers AMs 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 216, 217, 218, 285, 289, 309

AMs 23, 216, 219 will be deemed incompatible with COMP 14 and will fall

15. *Stresses that the modernisation of the Customs Union would further strengthen the already strong ties between Turkey and the EU and would keep Turkey economically anchored to the EU; believes, therefore, that a door should be left open for the modernisation and **upgrade** of the 1995 Customs Union between the EU and Turkey, to include relevant areas such as agriculture, services and public procurement, which currently are not covered; recalls that **Turkey is the EU's fifth largest trading partner, while the EU is Turkey's largest and that** two thirds of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Turkey comes from EU Member States and that Turkey is an important growth market for the EU; believes that the upgrade would provide a valuable opportunity for democratic conditionality, positive leverage and the possibility of a roadmap where **the upgrade of** the Customs Union would go hand in hand with concrete commitments **improvements** by Turkey on democratic reforms **in the fields of democracy, human rights, fundamental freedoms as well as the rule of law and towards a true, open space for civil society and pluralism**; believes further that the **upgrade** of the Customs Union would provide an important opportunity for policy dialogue on **socially and environmentally sustainable economic development**, climate change as well as on labour rights in Turkey; calls on the Commission to start preparatory work for the **upgrade** of the Customs Union as soon as the Turkish Government **attests to** its readiness for serious reforms; **calls on the Commission to include a clause on human rights and fundamental freedoms in the upgraded Customs Union, making human rights and fundamental freedoms a key conditionality**; recalls that the **current Customs Union can only does not achieve its full potential when until Turkey fully implements the Additional Protocol towards all Member States**;*

## COMP 15

### Concerns Paragraph 16 and Paragraph 16a (new)

Covers AMs 222, 223, 224, 225

*and for Par 16a (new):* AMs 215, 268, 278, 283, 284, 304, 313

16. Points out that trade union freedom and social dialogue are vital to the development of a pluralistic society; regrets the legislative shortcomings on labour and trade union rights and stresses that the right to organise, the right to collective bargaining and the right to strike are fundamental rights of workers; ***deeply regrets that membership in a trade union was often considered as criminal evidence in judicial cases; believes that such stance could further endanger the status of trade unions in the country;*** is seriously concerned about the working conditions for workers during the construction of the new Istanbul airport, given that reportedly 38 workers have died in work-related accidents since the start of construction in May 2015 and 31 people, including a union leader, are currently held in prison for protesting against poor working conditions ***and low and irregularly paid salaries;*** calls on the Turkish authorities to consult closely with the relevant trade unions on the issue of necessary safeguards for workers on-site, to carry out a thorough investigation into the deaths and injuries, and to allow trade unions full access to the workers; ***expresses concern for child labour, especially in sectors such as agriculture and summer work; underlines the effort of the Turkish government to allow refugees under temporary protection in Turkey to have the right to work in Turkey with an appropriate authorization; notes that more than 20.000 work permits have been issued to Syrians and that they include certain conditions on minimum salary, social security; points that despite these efforts many Syrians continue to work without authorization in many different sectors and provinces, stresses that language is still one of the most important barrier for Syrian workers;***
- 16a. ***Calls on the Turkish Government to halt its plans for the construction of the Akkuyu nuclear power plant; requests that the Turkish Government joins the Espoo Convention; asks the Turkish Government to involve, or at least consult, the governments of its neighbouring countries, such as Greece and Cyprus, in relation to any further developments in the Akkuyu venture;***

## COMP 16

### Concerns Paragraph 17

Covers AMs 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238,239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244

AM 247 will be deemed incompatible with COMP 16 and will fall

17. Notes that visa liberalisation is of great importance for Turkish citizens, particularly for students, academics, business representatives and people with family ties in EU Member States; encourages the Turkish Government to fully comply with the 72 criteria identified in the visa liberalisation roadmap; stresses that the revision of Turkey's anti-terrorism legislation is a key condition for ensuring fundamental rights and freedoms; ***encourages Turkey to make the necessary efforts to fulfil the remaining benchmarks; stresses*** that visa liberalisation will be possible once all the criteria have been met ***in a non-discriminatory way, fully and effectively;***

## COMP 17

### Concerns Paragraph 18

Covers AMs 119, 133, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 272, 288

AMs 9, 22, 270 will be deemed incompatible with COMP 17 and will fall

AM 63 will be put to the vote as a new paragraph after COMP 17

18. Recalls the important role played by Turkey in responding to the migration crisis resulting from the war in Syria; takes the view that Turkey *and its* population *have* shown great hospitality by offering shelter to more than 3,5 million Syrian refugees; ***Underlines that about 1 million of Syrian children are of school age, of which 60% are registered in Turkish schools; Takes note of the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016; urges Turkey to respect the non-refoulement principle; deplores that under the 2011/2012 IPA programme, the EU financed the acquisition of Cobra-2 armoured surveillance vehicles and calls on the European Commission to closely monitor the use of equipment (co-)financed under EU programmes and the effective implementation of the non-refoulement principle, in particular on the Syrian border; calls on Turkey to implement fully and effectively the EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement;*** calls on the EU and its Member States to keep their promise regarding a large-scale resettlement, and to ensure adequate financial resources for the long-term support of Syrian refugees in Turkey; *acknowledges the European Court of Auditors 2018 Special Report, which calls for increased efficiencies and more transparency in the allocation and distribution of funding; points to the increasing uncertainty for Syrian refugees about the prospects for their temporary protection in Turkey and asks Turkey to consider strategies for increased social cohesion in areas with large Syrian refugee communities and for longer-term socio-economic and cultural inclusion as well as adequate and effective access to education and job training; calls on the Commission to remain vigilant and ensure that, where EU funds are used, the rights of refugees are properly upheld and to prevent child labour, the sexual exploitation of children and other human rights abuses;*

## COMP 18

### Concerns Paragraph 18 a (new) and Paragraph 18 b (new)

For the first part: Covers AMs 37, 273, 274, 275, 276, 271, 277

For the second part: Covers AMs 132, 140, 141, 157, 264  
AM 192 falls if COMP 18 adopted

- 18 a. Notes the importance for both the EU ~~and~~, EU Member States and Turkey to maintain close dialogue and cooperation with Turkey on foreign policy and security issues; encourages the cooperation and further alignment ~~of Turkey and the EU~~ on foreign, defence and security issues, including counterterrorism cooperation; recalls that Turkey is also a long-standing member of the NATO Alliance and sits at a key geo-strategic location for maintaining regional and European security; notes that the EU and Turkey continue to cooperate on issues of (military) strategic importance within the NATO framework; calls, therefore, on Turkey to resume its cooperation with EU NATO members under NATO's rolling program of cooperation with non-EU countries;*
- 18 b. Commends Turkey for the negotiation of the memorandum on Idlib; regrets that Turkey-backed armed groups in the "Free Syrian Army" (FSA) have reportedly seized, looted, and destroyed property of Kurdish civilians in the Afrin district of northern Syria; recalls that Turkey and the FSA groups in Afrin should compensate displaced residents whose property they have seized, destroyed, or looted, and should not permanently deprive residents of their property; is worried by reports of a wide range of violations taking place in Afrin mostly at the hands of Syrian armed groups, equipped and armed by Turkey, and by Turkish armed forces themselves, who allegedly have taken over a number of schools, disrupting the education of children; is concerned that Turkey also seeks to change the demographical balance in the Afrin canton by re-settling Syrian Arab Sunni refugees from Turkey to the Kurdish populated region; asks the Turkish government to drop charges against all those citizens who have criticised Turkey's military actions in Syria, respecting the right of free speech.*

## **COMP 19**

### **Concerns Paragraph 19 a (new) and Citation 1**

Covers AMs (Paragraphs) 137, 279, 282 - and AMs (having regards) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 20

AM 312 will be deemed incompatible with COMP 19 and will fall.

*19 a. Calls on Turkey and Armenia to pursue the normalisation of their relations; stresses that the opening of the Turkish-Armenian border could lead to improved relations, with particular reference to cross-border cooperation and economic integration;*

#### **1a new**

- *having regard to its resolution of 13 November 2014 on Turkish actions creating tensions in the exclusive economic zone of Cyprus<sup>FN</sup>, and its resolution of 15 April 2015 on the centenary of the Armenian genocide;*

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<sup>FN</sup> *Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2014)0052*

## COMP 20

### Concerns Paragraph 18 c (new), Paragraph 19 and Paragraph 19 a (new)

Covers AMs 115, 129, 130, 135, 267, 286, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 305, 306, 307, 308, 310, 311, 314, 315, 316, 317

- 18 c. *Reiterates the importance of good neighbourly relations; calls on Turkey, in this connection, to step up efforts to resolve outstanding bilateral issues, including unresolved legal obligations and unsettled disputes with its immediate neighbours over land and maritime borders and airspace, in accordance with the provisions of the UN Charter and with international law; reiterates its call on the Turkish Government to sign and ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS); urges the Turkish Government to end the repeated violations of Greek airspace and territorial waters, and to respect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all of its neighbours; expresses its regret that the casus belli threat issued by the Turkish Grand National Assembly against Greece has not yet been withdrawn;***
19. Welcomes the efforts ~~by the~~ under the auspices of the UN Secretary General to resume negotiations on the reunification of Cyprus; *reiterates its support for a fair, comprehensive and viable settlement ~~based on~~ on the basis of a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation with a single international legal personality, single sovereignty and single citizenship with political equality between the two communities, in line with as defined by the relevant UN Security Council resolutions, and in accordance with international law and the EU acquis, and on the basis of respect for the principles on which the Union is founded; points to the Framework of the UN Secretary General and his appeal for resuming negotiations, building on the agreements already reached in the 2017 Crans-Montana process; asks the EU and its Member States to play a more active role in bringing negotiations to a successful conclusion; reiterates its call on all parties concerned, in particular Turkey, to commit and contribute to a comprehensive settlement; ~~for~~ calls on Turkey to begin withdrawing its troops from Cyprus, to transfer the sealed-off area of Famagusta to the UN, in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 550, and to refrain from actions altering the demographic balance on the island through its policy of illegal settlements; stresses the need for the implementation of the EU acquis ~~in the future Turkish Cypriot constituent state~~ on the whole island; acknowledges, in this regard, the continuation of the work of the bi-communal ad hoc committee on EU preparation; commits to stepping up its efforts to engage with the Turkish Cypriot community in its preparation to fully integrate into the EU, following the solution of the Cyprus problem, and calls on the Commission to do the same; praises the important work of the bicommunal Committee on Missing Persons (CMP, which deals with both Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot missing persons), and commends the fact that improved access to relevant sites, including military areas, has been granted; calls on Turkey to assist the CMP by providing information from its military archives; recognises the right of the Republic of Cyprus to enter into bilateral agreements concerning its exclusive economic zone; reiterates its call on Turkey to respect fully the sovereign rights of all Member States, including those rights related to the prospecting for and exploitation of natural resources in accordance with the EU acquis and International law; urges Turkey to engage in the peaceful settlement of disputes, and to refrain from any threat or action which might have negative effects on*

good neighbourly relations;

COMP 21

**Concerns Citations 3, 4, 7, 7a (new), 9, 9a (new), 20, 22a (new),**

Covers AMs 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, 28, 30

- having regard to the Presidency conclusions of 13 December 2016 and *the Council Conclusions* of 26 June 2018, and to previous relevant Council and European Council conclusions,
- having regard to the Negotiating Framework for Turkey of 3 October 2005 *and to the fact that, as is the case for all accession countries, Turkey’s accession to the EU depends, on full compliance with the Copenhagen criteria,*
- having regard to the declaration issued by the European Community and its Member States on 21 September 2005, including the provision that the recognition of all Member States is a necessary component of the negotiations, and the need for Turkey to fully implement the Additional Protocol to the Ankara Agreement *in relation to all Member States*, by removing all obstacles to the free movement of goods without prejudice and discrimination,
- having regard to Article 46 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), which states that the contracting parties undertake to abide by the final judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) in any case to which they are parties, *and, therefore, to the obligation of Turkey to implement all judgements of the ECtHR,*
- having regard to the 2018 World Press Freedom Index published by Reporters Without Borders, which ranks Turkey 157th out of 180 countries,
- *having regard to Resolution 1625(2008) of the Council of Europe regarding property and inheritance rights of the Greek Orthodox population and its foundations on the islands of Gökçeada (Imvros) and Bozcaada (Tenedos),*
- having regard to the fact that respect for the rule of law and fundamental rights, including the separation of powers, democracy, freedom of expression *and media*, human rights, the rights of minorities and religious freedom, freedom of association and peaceful protest, *the fight against corruption and the fight against racism and discrimination against vulnerable groups* are at the core of the negotiation process,
- *having regard to the Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights of March 2018 on the impact of the state of emergency on human rights in Turkey with particular reference to the South East of the country;*
- *having regard to the EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement*

## COMP 22

### Concerns Citation 16

Covers AMs 24, 25, 26, 27, AM 16 falls

- having regard to the Commission recommendation of 21 December 2016 for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with Turkey on an Agreement on the extension of the scope of the bilateral preferential trade relationship and on the modernisation of the Customs Union, ***and to the Council Conclusions of 26 June 2018 that no further work towards the modernisation of the EU-Turkey Customs Union was foreseen,***