

Amendment 17

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 21***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

21. 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* the funds currently allocated under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (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; without prejudice to Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union, expects the relationship between Turkey and the EU to be redefined in terms of an effective partnership; 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;

21. 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 *end* the accession negotiations with Turkey; remains, however, committed to democratic and political dialogue with Turkey; asks the Commission to *freeze* the funds currently allocated under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II and the future IPA III); *supports* Turkey’s civil society, human rights defenders and journalists; *calls for an increase in* 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; without prejudice to Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union, expects the relationship between Turkey and the EU to be redefined in terms of an effective partnership; 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;

