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**Amendment 26**

**Hélène Flautre, Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**B7-0156/2011**

**Ria Oomen-Ruijten**

on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Turkey's 2010 progress report

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Underlines the fact that investigations of alleged coup plans, such as the 'Ergenekon' and 'Sledgehammer' cases, need to demonstrate the strength and the proper, independent and transparent functioning of Turkish democratic institutions and the judiciary; is concerned about excessively long pre-trial detention periods and stresses the need for effective judicial guarantees for all suspects;

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18. Underlines the fact that investigations of alleged coup plans, such as the 'Ergenekon' and 'Sledgehammer' cases, ***are important opportunities for strengthening the rule of law and the democratisation of Turkey and therefore*** need to demonstrate the strength and the proper, independent and transparent functioning of Turkish democratic institutions and the judiciary; is ***deeply*** concerned about the ***recent detention of journalists such as Nedim Şener and Ahmet Şık*** and ***about*** excessively long pre-trial detention periods, and stresses the need for effective judicial guarantees for all suspects;

Or. en

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**Amendment 27**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Calls on the Government to revitalise its efforts, as part of the process of democratic opening, to address the Kurdish issue comprehensively with a view to reaching a peaceful solution: notably by ensuring consistent interpretation of laws permitting use of the Kurdish language in political and public life and in education; by amending anti-terror legislation to avoid abuses or extensive interpretation; by guaranteeing the rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly; by addressing efficiently the problems of persons displaced from their home regions as a consequence of, inter alia, the long conflict; **and** by further improving the socio-economic situation in the south-east of the country; expresses its concerns, in this context, about the ongoing trials in Diyarbakir of 151 Kurdish political activists – including eight serving elected local mayors – which constitute interference in legal political activities;

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**Amendment 28**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Urges the Government to ensure that equality, regardless of sex, gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, is guaranteed by the law and effectively enforced; deplores the recent legal action against LGBTTT associations but welcomes the fact that the cases in question were dismissed by the courts; notes, however, the need for further action against homophobia and discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation; calls on the Turkish Government to instruct the Turkish Armed Forces to end its classification of homosexuality as a 'psychosexual illness';

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**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

8. Is concerned about the deterioration in freedom of the press, about certain acts of censorship and about growing self-censorship within the Turkish media, including on the internet; calls on the Turkish Government to uphold the principles of press freedom; stresses that an independent press is crucial for a democratic society and points, in this context, to the essential role of the judiciary in protecting and enhancing press freedom, thereby guaranteeing public space for free debate and contributing to the proper functioning of the system of checks and balances; underscores the need for adoption of a new media law addressing, inter alia, the issues of independence, ownership and administrative control;

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***decides to closely follow the cases of Nedim Şener, Ahmet Şık and other journalists facing police or judicial harassment;***

Or. en