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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on breaking off the accession negotiations with Turkey

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on breaking off the accession negotiations with Turkey**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission communication of October 2014 entitled ‘Enlargement Strategy and Main Challenges 2014-15’,
- having regard to the 2013 progress report on Turkey,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Turkey submitted its application for membership of the EEC in 1987, and whereas it was officially recognised as a candidate in 1999;
- B. whereas the accession process comprises 35 chapters and whereas 14 have so far been opened;
- C. whereas the commissioner responsible for European neighbourhood policy and enlargement negotiations has expressed the wish to include Turkey among the priority countries during his term of office;
- D. whereas serious concerns remain regarding the situation of minorities, freedom of expression and, more generally, respect for fundamental rights in Turkey;
- E. whereas the reform of the Turkish judiciary in 2014 amounted to a purge of the police and judiciary;
- F. whereas Turkey still refuses to apply the additional protocol to the Ankara Agreement on recognition of the legal existence of the Republic of Cyprus;
- G. whereas the European Union would be unable to bear the financial burden of Turkish accession;
- 1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to end the accession negotiations immediately;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and the Council.