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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statements by the Council and the Commission

pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the centenary of the Armenian Genocide
(2015/2590(RSP))

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**European Parliament resolution on the centenary of the Armenian Genocide
(2015/2590(RSP))**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide of 1948,
 - having regard to its resolution of 18 June 1987 on a political solution to the Armenian question¹,
 - having regard to its resolution of 12 March 2015 on the Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2013 and the EU policy on the matter²,
 - having regard to the Protocol on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Turkey and the Protocol on Development of Relations between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Turkey signed in Zurich on 10 October 2009,
 - having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas 2015 marks the centennial of the Armenian Genocide;
- B. whereas the importance of keeping alive the memories of the past is paramount, since there can be no reconciliation without truth and remembrance;
1. Pays tribute, on the eve of the centenary, to the memory of the one-and-a-half million innocent Armenian victims who perished in the Ottoman Empire;
 2. Recalls its resolution of 18 June 1987 in which inter alia it recognised that the tragic events that took place in 1915-1917 against the Armenians in the territory of the Ottoman Empire represent a genocide as defined in the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide of 1948; condemns all forms of crimes against humanity and of genocide;
 3. Pays tribute to the memory of the innocent victims of all genocides and crimes committed against humanity; proposes that a European Remembrance Day for Genocides be established;
 4. Invites Turkey to respect and realise fully the legal obligations which it has undertaken to the protection of cultural heritage and, in particular, to conduct in good faith an integrated inventory of Armenian and other cultural heritage destroyed or ruined during the past century;

¹ OJ C 190, 20.7.1987, p. 119.

² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2015)0076.

5. Invites Turkey to come to terms with its past; considers that this would be a profoundly humane act of moral rehabilitation towards the Armenians, which can only bring honour upon the Turkish Government;
6. Invites Armenia and Turkey to use examples of successful reconciliation between European nations and to focus on an agenda that puts cooperation between peoples first; trusts that this will contribute to the historic reconciliation of the Armenian and Turkish people in a spirit of truth and respect; urges Turkey and Armenia to proceed to a normalisation of their relations by ratifying, without preconditions, the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, by opening the border and by actively improving their relations, with particular reference to cross-border cooperation and economic integration;
7. Notes the message of the President of the Republic of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, on the events of 1915 and the statement by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, Ahmet Davutoğlu, on the commemoration of Hrant Dink as a step in the right direction;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Government and Parliament of the Republic of Armenia, and the Government and Parliament of the Republic of Turkey.