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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the human rights situation in Turkey: awkward silence on the part of the Commission

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the human rights situation in Turkey:  
awkward silence on the part of the Commission**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 13 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, in a recent interview published in the German weekly Die Zeit, Human Rights Watch expressed concern at the awkward silence of the European Commission regarding human rights infringements in Turkey;
- B. whereas the NGO took the view that the European Union was deliberately choosing to ignore massive ongoing repression in Turkey in a bid to secure a deal to keep refugees out, going so far as to delay release of the accession progress report, which apparently contains a number of harsh criticisms regarding non-compliance with the rule of law, freedom of expression and independence of the judiciary, not to mention the treatment of minorities and human rights infringements;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to release immediately the report on Turkey, while urging the Commission and in particular the Vice President/High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, together with the European Council, to review relations with Ankara in the light of its findings.