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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the funding provided by the EU to Turkey to fight against illegal migration

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the funding provided by the EU to Turkey to fight against illegal migration

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU-Turkey summit of 29 November 2015 led to the adoption of an action plan under which Turkey is supposed to help reduce the influx of migrants to the EU, while ensuring optimum reception conditions for these migrants on its territory;
- B. whereas, in exchange, the Union undertook to grant Turkey EUR 3 billion, to intensify negotiations on Turkish accession to the European Union and to exempt Turkish citizens from visa requirements;
- C. whereas, on 25 January 2016, the Commission Vice-President said that the EUR 3 billion pledged to Turkey by the EU would be available within a reasonable period of time;
- D. whereas Turkey has been criticised by various quarters regarding its failure to take any action to put an end to illegal migration;
- 1. Calls on the Commission and Member States to reconsider their position vis-à-vis Turkey and to withdraw their offer of EUR 3 billion and their plans to fast-track Turkish accession negotiations.

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