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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on freezing funds to Turkey and halting its accession negotiations

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on freezing funds to Turkey and halting its accession negotiations

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU-Turkey summit of 7 March 2016 has resulted in additional aid of EUR 3 billion for Turkey by 2018 and the scrapping of visa requirements for Turks;
- B. whereas the Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society has said the EU should offer Turkey at least EUR 6 to 7 billion a year in aid;
- C. whereas the Turkish President's threats to 'open the doors to Greece and Bulgaria' and 'put the refugees on buses' if he does not receive the desired funds make him guilty of unacceptable blackmail;
- D. whereas Turkey's operations against the Kurds, its shady dealings with so-called Islamic State and its lack of respect for freedom of the press (shown by the provisional detention of two journalists for 92 days because of their coverage of a secret arms shipment to Syrian insurgents) precludes any possibility of negotiation;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to halt payments to Turkey and stop the process of negotiating the country's EU accession.