

Amendment 38**Kati Piri, Knut Fleckenstein, Victor Boştinaru**

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Motion for a resolution**B8-0442/2016****Kati Piri**

on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

2015 report on Turkey

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 10***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

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diplomats to continue to monitor closely all criminal cases against journalists; deplores the personal attacks by leading government officials against journalists and opponents, and the increasingly authoritarian tendencies of the Turkish leadership; urges Turkey to act against intimidation of journalists in all its forms, in particular by investigating all physical attacks and threats against journalists and actively preventing attacks against media outlets, but also by defusing the tense political climate which creates an environment curtailing freedom of speech in the media and on the internet;

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