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pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on the visa liberalisation plan for Turkish nationals

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the visa liberalisation plan for Turkish nationals

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, after the state of emergency was declared on 18 July 2016 following the failed coup d'état of 15 July, the Turkish State immediately arrested 35 000 people;
- B. whereas on 9 September the High Representative of the Union and the European Commissioner for enlargement travelled to Ankara with the aim of placing on a more permanent footing the agreement between the EU and Turkey which had been signed in March;
- C. whereas one of the concessions offered in return for this agreement was visa liberalisation for Turkish nationals, to be implemented by the end of this year;
- D. whereas, in view of the situation in Turkey and the abuses committed by the regime, as well as the proximity of Islamic State, visa liberalisation would seriously endanger the security of the European Union Member States;
- 1. Calls on the Commission and the Council not to liberalise the visa regime for Turkish nationals.

