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to the Commission**

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Subject: Turkish negationism and the accession negotiations

Three days after Pope Francis, speaking in Rome, recognised the mass killings of Armenians during the First World War as the first genocide of the 20th century, the European Parliament did the same. Even before Parliament took its vote, the Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, had made it clear that his country would ignore the views expressed by MEPs. 'Whatever decision they take, it will go in one ear and out the other,' Erdogan had warned. 'Personally, I am not worried, because we do not bear the stigma of a genocide,' he added. These remarks were reported on the website of the French newspaper *le Figaro* on 16 April 2015.

Will the Commission condemn these clearly negationist remarks?

Does the Commission not think that statements of this kind should lead to the accession negotiations which the EU is conducting with Turkey being terminated, or at least suspended?