

Question for written answer E-013938/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Commemorating the Armenian genocide: the EU's position towards Turkey

The news magazine *Der Spiegel* has reported that the German Bundestag has postponed the adoption of a resolution on the Armenian genocide. The purpose of the resolution is to recognise as genocide this massacre perpetrated 100 years ago. However, the governing parties, the CDU/CSU and SPD, have tacitly agreed to put the motion on ice for the time being, and wish to postpone its second and third readings for as long as possible. Their aim is to avoid 'provoking' Turkey given the current negotiations on the refugee crisis. In addition to this diffidence on the Armenian question, it is reported that concessions on the entry of Turkish citizens into the EU are also under negotiation. The foreign policy chiefs of both ruling parties currently remain tight-lipped on the matter.

Does the High Representative agree that the behaviour of the German Government runs counter to the European Parliament resolution of 15 April 2015?

What is the High Representative's view of this willingness to make concessions to Turkey, thus undermining the commemoration and recognition of the genocide and its victims?