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#### **Amendment 1**

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on behalf of the EFDD Group

#### **Joint motion for a resolution**

**PPE, S&D, ECR, ALDE, GUE/NGL, Verts/ALE, EFDD**

Freedom of expression in Turkey: Recent arrests of journalists, media executives and systematic pressure against media

#### **Joint motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 5**

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