

Amendment 27

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

on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 32***Motion for a resolution*

32. Strongly deplores the intimidation and prosecution of more than 1 000 academics who signed a petition calling for peace; underlines that the individuals responsible for the killing of lawyer Tahir Elçi – who dedicated his life to peace and human rights – must be brought to justice; expresses serious concern about the judicial investigations targeting mainly HDP members, as well as the ongoing imprisonment and dismissal of local mayors, including 25 co-mayors, and the threats hanging over many Kurdish politicians;

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32. Strongly deplores the intimidation and prosecution of more than 1 000 academics who signed a petition calling for peace; ***in this context, calls for the release of those imprisoned and denounces the imposition of solitary confinement on Prof. Muzaffer Kaya, Kivanç Ersoy and Esra Mungan-Gürsoy;*** underlines that the individuals responsible for the killing of lawyer Tahir Elçi – who dedicated his life to peace and human rights – must be brought to justice; expresses serious concern about the judicial investigations targeting mainly HDP members, as well as the ongoing imprisonment and dismissal of local mayors, including 25 co-mayors, and the threats hanging over many Kurdish politicians;

Or. en

Amendment 28

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 38***Motion for a resolution*

38. ***Welcomes*** the activation, on 29 November 2015, of the EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan on refugees and migration management, ***as part of a comprehensive cooperation agenda based on shared responsibility, mutual commitments and delivery, and insists on the need to implement it immediately***; emphasises that EU-Turkey cooperation on migration should not be linked to the calendar, content and conditionality of the negotiation process; believes that outsourcing the refugee crisis to Turkey is not a credible long-term solution to the problem; calls on EU Member States' solidarity to increase the number of countries that will accept refugees for resettlement in a spirit of burden and responsibility sharing;

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38. ***Deplores*** the activation, on 29 November 2015, of the EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan on refugees and migration management, ***and expresses serious concern at the rapidly growing number of reports that the human rights of refugees are being violated (deportation, arbitrary detention, lack of legal status)***; emphasises that EU-Turkey cooperation on migration should not be linked to the calendar, content and conditionality of the negotiation process; ***regrets that the EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan on refugees and migration management totally disregards the true situation of migrants and refugees in Turkey, and that it has been rejected by international organisations such as the UNHCR and NGOs as incompatible with EU and international law***; believes that outsourcing the refugee crisis to Turkey is not a credible long-term solution to the problem; ***stresses, with this in mind, that cooperation on migration should not be used as a bargaining chip nor be conditional solely upon border controls being stepped up or the accession process, but should also act in the interest of the***

migrants and asylum seekers and of recognition of their rights; calls on EU Member States' solidarity to increase the number of countries that will accept refugees for resettlement in a spirit of burden and responsibility sharing;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 41***Motion for a resolution*

41. Appreciates that Turkey has, until recently, maintained an open-border policy for Syrian refugees; ***commends the entry into force of new rules in the Turkish visa regime, which already paved the way for a sharp decrease in irregular crossings; stresses, however, that a much stricter visa policy, in line with EU visa policy, must be applied vis-à-vis countries representing a major source of illegal migration, in order to curb the influx of migrants who are in no need of international protection via Turkey into Europe;*** underlines that Turkey needs every assistance in ***tightening its border security and to step up*** its fight against human smugglers; calls on Turkey to show zero tolerance and take effective measures to stop traffickers of human beings ***and*** the flow of refugees towards the Greek islands ***resulting in severe humanitarian, political, social and security issues within the EU;*** encourages ***more cooperation between Turkey, Bulgaria and Greece in the area of*** search and rescue operations ***in the Aegean Sea, and calls on Frontex to offer its support to the Turkish coast guard*** and enhance the bilateral exchange

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41. Appreciates that Turkey has, until recently, maintained an open-border policy for Syrian refugees ***and calls for its reintroduction;*** underlines that Turkey needs every assistance in its fight against human smugglers ***and recalls that this can mainly be achieved by providing refugees with direct legal access from Turkey to the EU;*** calls on Turkey to show zero tolerance and take effective measures to stop traffickers of human beings; ***urges that an immediate, massive and binding resettlement scheme directly from Turkey to EU Member States be put in place, which would also diminish the risk of losing lives at sea through*** the flow of refugees towards the Greek islands; encourages Turkey ***to enhance its efforts regarding*** search and rescue operations ***within its territorial waters, ensure better cooperation between its competent rescue coordination centres and those of Greece*** and enhance the bilateral exchange of information ***regarding distress at sea incidents;*** acknowledges that measures against criminal smuggling can only be effective in conjunction with the introduction of safe and legal routes for

of information; acknowledges that measures against criminal smuggling can only be effective in conjunction with the introduction of safe and legal routes for refugees and asylum seekers to enter the European Union;

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Amendment 30

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Paragraph 41 a (new)

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41a. Deplores the fact that Turkish authorities have pushed a certain number of Syrians back to their war-torn country; regrets that the EU and its Member States are considering including Turkey on a list of so-called safe countries, especially in the light of the worsening rule of law, democracy and human rights situation, most particularly in eastern Turkey, and fears that inclusion on this list will be to the detriment of the right of men and women suffering repression in Turkey to claim asylum; deplores the pressure being exerted by the European Union and its Member States on Turkey to apply a much stricter visa policy vis-à-vis other countries;

Or. en

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Amendment 31

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Paragraph 43

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43. Welcomes the fact that the Turkish authorities and the UNHCR in Turkey are harmonising their databases for the registration of refugees into one registration system; ***considers it urgent to look at technical ways to make that database interoperable and compatible with the European database for the registration of asylum seekers, Eurodac; stresses that it is also important that, once refugees leave Turkey to go to Europe, they should be removed from the Turkish database;***

43. Welcomes the fact that the Turkish authorities and the UNHCR in Turkey are harmonising their databases for the registration of refugees into one registration system;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 44***Motion for a resolution*

44. Stresses that implementation of the readmission agreement *vis-à-vis all* Member States **is crucial for the EU, as it provides an opportunity for a more effective return policy of migrants who are in no need of international protection; welcomes the political agreement reached by the two parties at the EU-Turkey Summit of 29 November 2015 for the EU-Turkey readmission agreement to become fully applicable from June 2016; calls on all parties to implement the existing bilateral readmission agreements fully and effectively and to ensure that the fundamental rights of returned migrants are respected in full;**

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44. Regrets the conclusion of the readmission agreement **on 1 October 2014, which can only be to the detriment of efforts to open legal migration routes and of the rights of migrant and refugee populations, bearing in mind the weakness of the legal instruments under which they receive protection in Turkey; calls for the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in this field to be respected and implemented, including when they relate to Member States;**

Or. en

Amendment 33

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 45***Motion for a resolution*

45. Encourages the **government** to fully and in a non-discriminatory manner meet the criteria identified in the visa liberalisation roadmap vis-à-vis all Member States; recalls that visa liberalisation **is a merit-based process and that only when the standards have been met, will visa-free travel be possible for Turkish citizens**; asks the Commission to provide more technical assistance for the fulfilment of the conditions of the visa liberalisation roadmap;

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45. Encourages the **Turkish Government** to fully and in a non-discriminatory manner meet the criteria identified in the visa liberalisation roadmap vis-à-vis all Member States; recalls that visa liberalisation **cannot be made contingent upon border controls being stepped up but constitutes in itself a goal in implementing the universal right to free movement**; asks the Commission to provide more technical assistance for the fulfilment of the conditions of the visa liberalisation roadmap;

Or. en

Amendment 34

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 52***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

52. Welcomes the initiative of the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Nicos Anastasiades, to make Turkish an official language of the EU, and urges the parties to accelerate this process; notes that the implementation of the EU acquis in the future Turkish Cypriot Constituent State upon entry into force of the settlement agreement must already be well prepared; welcomes, in this connection, the establishment of the bi-communal ad hoc committee on EU preparation; encourages ***both the European Parliament and*** the Commission to intensify ***their*** efforts to engage with Turkish Cypriots in preparation to fully ***integrate into*** the EU; encourages the President of the European Parliament to take the necessary steps in the event of a settlement;

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