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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on the Armenian genocide in Turkey 95 years ago

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Written declaration on the Armenian genocide in Turkey 95 years ago

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, Resolution 260 A (III), of 9 December 1948,
- B. whereas Turkey, as the successor to the Ottoman Empire, still today refuses to recognise the genocide perpetrated against the Armenian people, which began 95 years ago,
- C. whereas Turkey has to date neither apologised to Armenia nor paid reparation to the victims of the genocide or their descendants,
- D. concerned that, because of its one-sided support for Azerbaijan, Turkey is making it more difficult to find a solution to the Nagorny-Karabakh conflict,
- 1. Takes the view that Turkey should, in the light of the process of moving increasingly closer to the EU which was set in train by the accession negotiations, face up to its historical responsibility and recognise the Armenian genocide;
- 2. Calls on Turkey, by making a gesture of apology, to fundamentally improve relations with Armenia and to take a decision to grant financial compensation for losses of assets unjustly suffered;
- 3. Calls on the Council and Commission to recognise the right of self-determination of the Armenian people in the Azerbaijani region of Nagorny-Karabakh;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the governments of the Member States, the Commission and the Council.