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The EURONEST Parliamentary Assembly,

- having regard to Article 9(3) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 10 December 1948,
 - having regard to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of 16 December 1966,
 - having regard to the UN Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity of 26 November 1968,
 - having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 20 July 1987 on a political solution to the Armenian question,
 - having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 15 November 2000 on the 1999 Regular Report from the Commission on Turkey’s progress towards accession,
 - having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 28 September 2005 on the opening of negotiations with Turkey,
 - having regard to the resolutions and statements of the legislative bodies of a number of EU Member States,
- A. whereas 2015 marks the centennial of the Armenian genocide perpetrated under the Ottoman Empire;
- B. whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation for freedom, justice and peace in the world;
- C. whereas the denial of genocide is widely recognised as the final stage of genocide, enshrining impunity for its perpetrators and demonstrably paving the way for future genocides; whereas the absence of unequivocal and timely condemnation of the Armenian genocide contributed to a large extent to the failure to prevent future crimes against humanity;
- D. whereas the early prevention of such crimes can undoubtedly stop the escalation of conflicts, tragedies and humanitarian catastrophes;
1. Condemns all forms of crime against humanity and genocide, and deeply deplores attempts to deny them;

2. Pays tribute to the memory of the innocent victims of all genocides and crimes committed against humanity;
3. Stresses that the prevention of genocides and crimes against humanity should be a priority for the international community; believes that further development of international capacity in this area is essential;
4. Supports the international struggle to prevent genocides, to restore the rights of people subjected to genocide and to establish historical justice;
5. Invites Turkey to come to terms with its past;
6. Considers that preparing the ground for future reconciliation between peoples is of the utmost importance.