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Disastrous earthquake in Türkiye: Statement by the Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation to the EU-Türkiye Joint Parliamentary Committee Sergey Lagodinsky

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Reading the news about the disastrous earthquake and aftershocks in southern Türkiye fills me with grief. I am shocked to see the images of widespread destruction, read about those who lost their lives, grieving relatives and destroyed families.

I would like to express my deep sympathy with everyone in Türkiye and the entire region affected by the earthquake, send condolences to those who lost their loved ones, and wish a speedy and full recovery to the injured.

As I am writing these lines, EU and many of its member states are already deploying humanitarian assistance and technical rescue equipment. I am pleased to see that the EU stands by the Turkish people in this critical moment. Let us work together to overcome the effects of this disaster by coordinated rescue efforts.