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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Commission statement

pursuant to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure

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on the search made of the Ankara headquarters of the Human Rights Association of Turkey

European Parliament resolution on the search made of the Ankara headquarters of the Human Rights Association of Turkey

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on human rights,
 - having regard to the EU Treaty and its provisions on human rights,
 - having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
 - having regard to the Partnership Agreement with Turkey,
- A. whereas in signing several international agreements, including the Council of Europe's Convention on Human Rights, Turkey has committed itself to guaranteeing human rights and democracy,
- B. whereas the Council has recognised Turkey as a candidate for accession and Turkey has expressed its ambition to become a full member of the EU,
- C. shocked by the raids carried out by members of the Anti-Terror Forces, accompanied by the Prosecutor of the Ankara State Security Court, against the headquarters and the branch office of the Human Rights Association (IHD) in Ankara on 6 May 2003,
1. Calls on the Turkish authorities to clarify immediately the reasons for this action, which is in sharp contradiction to Turkey's expressed commitment to fulfilling the Copenhagen political criteria, and asks the Commission to make a statement on this matter;
 2. Urges the Turkish government to take concrete measures to prove its commitment to respect for human rights and to review its legislation with a view to guaranteeing the protection of democracy, transparency and human rights in Turkey;
 3. Asks the Commission and the Council to continue to follow developments in Turkey closely so as to determine whether democracy and respect for human rights are really rooted in the Turkish State and Turkish society;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments of the Member States and the Grand National Assembly and government of Turkey.