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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Turkey with regard to human rights and democracy

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the situation in Turkey with regard to human rights and democracy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, under the aegis of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government, Turkey has become a country where respect for human rights and democracy is no longer guaranteed;
- B. whereas tens of thousands of Turkish citizens have been arrested over the past three years on charges of opposition to President Erdogan, and whereas many Turkish media outlets have had to cease their activities;
- C. having regard to the cases of Turkish nationals living abroad, in the United States and Switzerland, who, because they have criticised Erdogan's policies, are now being persecuted by the Turkish authorities, which have withdrawn their Turkish passports and also taken action against members of their families;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to step up its representations to the Ankara Government in order to secure the restoration of democracy and respect for human and civil rights in Turkey, obtain the release of those opposed to the regime and bring about a return to media pluralism;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to urge the Turkish authorities to respect the right to freedom of opinion and expression of Turkish citizens living abroad, and to halt all punitive and repressive actions against them and members of their families.