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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the restitution of funds allocated to Turkey under the pre-accession instrument, now that the pre-accession process has been halted, and the removal of the aforementioned programme for Turkey from the current multiannual financial framework (MFF)

*The European Parliament*,

– having regard to Article 21 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006,

– having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 stipulates that aid is to be suspended in the event of non-compliance with democratic principles;

B. whereas European Court of Auditors Special Report No 07/2018 concludes that the funds spent have done little to address a whole series of fundamental needs;

C. whereas Turkey received EUR 4.5 billion from the pre-accession instrument for the 2007-2013 period and roughly EUR 3.5 billion for the 2014-2020 period;

D. whereas, in June 2019, the Council of the European Union announced that the accession negotiations with Turkey had come to a standstill, and no progress has been made since then;

E. whereas it is highly unlikely that Turkey will ever join the European Union;

1. Instructs the Commission to request the recovery of funds that were not required because accession to the EU did not come about;

2. Instructs the Commission also to request the recovery of funds used negligently;

3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the European Council and the Commission.