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on non-recognition by the Turkish Government of the Armenian genocide

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Written declaration on non-recognition by the Turkish Government of the Armenian genocide

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to its resolution of 18 June 1987 on a political solution to the Armenian question, paragraph 4 of which states that 'the refusal by the present Turkish Government to acknowledge the genocide against the Armenian people committed by the Young Turk government' is an insurmountable obstacle to consideration of the possibility of Turkey's accession to the Community,
 - having regard to its resolution of 15 November 2000 on the 1999 Regular Report from the Commission on Turkey's progress towards accession, paragraph 10 of which calls on the Turkish Government and the Turkish Grand National Assembly to give support to the Armenian minority 'in particular by public recognition of the genocide which that minority suffered before the establishment of the modern state of Turkey',
- A. whereas the Turkish Government has to date still not complied with its call, and an official state attitude of denial ('negationism') has developed in Turkey in relation to the Armenian genocide, reflected, *inter alia*, in school books,
1. Calls on the Council to make the possible opening of accession negotiations with Turkey dependent on formal recognition by the Turkish Government of the Armenian genocide;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council.