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on the carrying out of an impact study on immigration in the event of Turkey's accession to the European Union

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Written declaration on the carrying out of an impact study on immigration in the event of Turkey's accession to the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas Turkey's possible accession to the European Union will inevitably lead to a new wave of immigration from that country,
 - B. whereas new large-scale immigration movements from outside Europe threaten to have far-reaching repercussions for social cohesion in the majority of the Member States,
 - C. whereas no serious study has yet been carried out into the scale and impact of the anticipated phenomenon, and existing data are either incomplete or based on pure econometric extrapolation,
1. Calls on the Commission to commission a study into the impact of immigration from Turkey should the country accede to the European Union; the study must be based on (representative) quantitative and qualitative research, and take account of existing immigration patterns, for example the attractive power of existing Turkish communities in Europe, family reunification and formation, and socio-economic disparities between the big cities and rural areas in Turkey;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission.