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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the genocide of the Pontic Greeks

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Written declaration on the genocide of the Pontic Greeks

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Turkey is an applicant country for accession to the EU and the Commission is conducting negotiations with that country,
- B. whereas Turkey has never recognised the genocide of hundreds of thousands of Pontic and Asia Minor Greeks or the expulsion - from the day on which Kemal Atatürk assumed power - of nationals of France, Italy, Great Britain and other European countries as well as Jews living on its territory,
- C. whereas Turkey has also never recognised the genocide of 1 500 000 Armenians in 1915,
- D. whereas Turkey continues with its defiance even today, as shown by the provocative request of its Prime Minister, Mr Erdogan, that the descendants of the victims of the Pontic genocide should cease to honour their dead,
 1. Calls on Turkey to make an official apology for the genocides and the racist persecution suffered by the Pontic Greeks and other peoples who lived on its territory;
 2. Calls on the Commission and the Council to stipulate that Turkey must recognise all the abovementioned crimes against humanity as a condition of continuing accession negotiations with that country;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and the Council.