**James Carver,** *on behalf of the EFDD Group***.** – Madam President, I rise for what is most probably my last speech in this place, having watched with amazement the increasing delusion within this House over the past five years. Despite your great and obvious inconsistencies and the fundamental issues facing the EU, you continue in the same direction towards ever closer union, paying scant regard to the changing reality around you.

Take, for example, Turkey. Earlier this month, you passed a report acknowledging the backsliding of basic rights there, yet legislation keeps the door open for their EU membership and a transfer of taxpayers’ money to President Erdoğan’s Turkey, at the very same time that you refuse to acknowledge their incompatibility with your own fundamental values. Yet you criticise Hungary and Poland. Can’t you see your blatant hypocrisy? How much damage must you do before understanding your failure to best represent your citizens’ concerns?