



**Motion nr. 4**

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Motion: Violation of Human and Democratic Rights in Turkey

A. Recalling motion 9 on Humanitarian and political crisis in Turkey adopted by EFA's General Assembly on April 2, 2016,

B. Recalling the European Parliament resolution of 24 November 2016 on EU-Turkey relations [2016/2993(RSP)],

C. Recalling that HDP has successively condemned in the strongest terms all terrorist attacks, appealing instead to immediately end the politics, language and tones that produce more tension, polarization, hostility and conflict,

D. Recalling that since 20 July 2016 Turkey is under a state of emergency which gives Turkish authorities the power to bypass parliament and suspend civil rights, restrict speech, close down news outlets and jail suspects without charges.

E. Recalling that HDP Co-Chairs Selahattin Demirtas and Figen Yuksekdag are currently imprisoned in solitary confinement,

F. Recalling that thousands of HDP party members and administrators – from Co-Chairs to Members of Parliament, Mayors, party members, provincial and district administrators remain held in prisons under aggravated conditions.

G. Recalling that the AKP government's policies to rule the country with decree laws, above the law and the Constitution and without any check and balance mechanisms, are giving a permanent character to anti-democratic practices,

H. Recalling that Turkey will hold a referendum on April 16 on proposed changes to the constitution that would replace its parliamentary system with the executive presidency sought by Tayyip Erdogan, a proposal that would enable the President to issue decrees, declare emergency rule, appoint ministers and top state officials and dissolve parliament, and could see President Erdogan remain in power until 2029,

I. Recalling that the procedure for suspending EU accession negotiations is set out in article 5 of the Negotiating Framework for Turkey which stipulates that " in the case of a serious and persistent breach in Turkey of the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the rule of law on which the Union is founded, the Commission will, on its own initiative or on the request of one third of the Member States, recommend the suspension of negotiations and propose the conditions for eventual resumption".

The European Free Alliance,

1. Fully supports the European Parliament resolution of 24 November 2016 on EU-Turkey relations [2016/2993(RSP)],
2. Condemns the disproportionate repressive measures taken by the Turkish government since July 2016 in violation of basic rights and freedoms and international law.
3. Demands the immediate release of HDP Co-Chairs Selahattin Demirtas and Figen Yuksekdag as well as the rest of unduly imprisoned detainees.
4. Requires the EU Commission to suspend the EU accession negotiations set out in article 5 of the Negotiating Framework for Turkey on its own initiative or on the request of one third of the Member States.
4. Requires the Council of Europe to investigate the crimes committed in Turkey.