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*Plenary sitting*

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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

pursuant to Rule 132(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the escalating tensions in Varosha following the illegal actions by Turkey and the urgent need for the resumption of talks  
(2020/2844(RSP))

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**European Parliament resolution on the escalating tensions in Varosha following the illegal actions by Turkey and the urgent need for the resumption of talks (2020/2844(RSP))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the statement by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of 24 November 2020 on the escalating tensions in Varosha following the illegal actions by Turkey and the urgent need for the resumption of talks,
- having regard to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982,
- having regard to UN Security Council resolutions 550 (1984) of 11 May 1984 and 789 (1992) of 25 November 1992,
- having regard to the North Atlantic Treaty of 4 April 1949, in particular Article 1 thereof,
- having regard to the Agreement of 12 September 1963 establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Turkey ('Ankara Agreement')<sup>1</sup>,
- having regard to Decision No 1/95 of the EC-Turkey Association Council of 22 December 1995 on implementing the final phase of the Customs Union<sup>2</sup>,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 390/2001 of 26 February 2001 on assistance to Turkey in the framework of the pre-accession strategy, and in particular on the establishment of an Accession Partnership<sup>3</sup>,
- having regard to Council Decision 2008/157/EC of 18 February 2008 on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with the Republic of Turkey<sup>4</sup>,
- having regard to the Foreign Affairs Council of 9 December 2019 and the European Council conclusions of 12 and 13 December 2019,
- having regard to the EU-Turkey joint action plan of 29 November 2015 and the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016,
- having regard to its earlier resolutions on Turkey,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 361, 31.12.1977, p. 29.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 35, 13.2.1996, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 58, 28.2.2001, p. 1.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 51, 26.2.2008, p. 4.

- having regard to Rule 132(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas the attempt to reopen the Varosha fenced area, under conditions of military occupation or under the administration of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, the illegal Turkish puppet regime in the occupied areas, violates UN resolutions that require the maintenance of the status quo in the area, international law and Turkey's obligations towards the EU and its Member States, and could undermine the process of agreeing a solution to the Cyprus problem;
  - B. whereas Turkey has increased its aggressive behaviour – not only in the Mediterranean area – and in doing so has become a real threat to many EU Member States, their strategic interests and international stability;
  - C. whereas since May 2019, Turkey has been drilling in the Eastern Mediterranean off the coast of Cyprus; whereas Turkey is carrying out a series of hydrocarbon explorations in and in breach of the Exclusive Economic Zone of Cyprus;
  - D. whereas, as stated by the Foreign Affairs Council on 9 December 2019 and in the European Council conclusions of 12 and 13 December 2019, the Turkey-Libya Agreement constitutes a threat to stability in the region, infringes on the sovereign rights of Member States and third countries, and contravenes the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea;
  - E. whereas Turkey is, through its actions in Syria, jeopardising the security of Europe, thereby causing legitimate concerns about a NATO member state's actions in the Middle East;
1. Condemns Turkey's attempts to reopen the Varosha fenced area; further condemns the continued violations of sovereign territories by Turkey and underlines Turkey's role in creating new conflicts and escalating existing ones in various vulnerable regions, including but not limited to Syria, Libya, Somalia and Nagorno-Karabakh;
  2. Proposes that the Customs Union Decision, which took effect on 1 January 1996, be suspended for a renewable period of six months;
  3. Calls on the Commission and the Council to terminate all funding to Turkey associated with the pre-accession process, the current and planned multiannual financial framework, the EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey, and the EU-Turkey joint action plan on migration; calls for the EU, furthermore, to stop all European Investment Bank loans to Turkey;
  4. Calls on the Commission and the Council to unconditionally and irrevocably terminate all negotiations regarding the accession of Turkey to the EU, as it is not a European country and does not act in accordance with European values, particularly those aimed at preserving a peaceful Europe, and should therefore not become an EU Member State;
  5. Proposes that the North Atlantic Council henceforth exclude Turkey from its meetings until Turkey ceases to violate the provisions of the North Atlantic Treaty;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the

Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the European External Action Service, the Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee, the North Atlantic Council, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, and the Government of the Republic of Turkey.