

Motions and Declarations

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| Name of the person introducing the Motion/Declaration to the GA | Lorena López de Lacalle Arizti |
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| Title (of the Motion/Declaration) | Situation in Turkey. An attack on local democracy and equal representation, the Trustee Regime. |
| <p>- Having regard to the 31 October 2019 Report (CG37 (2010)14final) of the Congress of Regional and Local Authorities,</p> <p>- Having regard to the European Charter of Local Self-Government,</p> <p>- Having regard to the European Parliament resolution on the situation in Turkey, notably the removal of elected mayors (2019/2821(RSP))</p> <p>- Having regard to the European Parliament resolution on the Turkish military operation in North East Syria and its consequences (2019/2886(RSP))</p> <p>- Having regard to the Security Council Resolution 2254 (2015),</p> <p>- Having regard to all previous EFA Motions and Declarations on the situation in Turkey,</p> <p>A. Whereas at least 15,530 HDP members were detained since 2015 of whom 6,000 have been jailed since the HDP won its first seat in the Turkish parliament in 2015,</p> <p>B. Whereas 1,674 HDP members and officials were detained during operations this year and 200 of them jailed,</p> <p>C. Whereas genuinely democratic local and regional elections are part of a process to establish and maintain democratic governance,</p> <p>D. Whereas from its inception HDP party attempted to build bridges to overcome the Turkish-Kurdish divide and committed itself to work for Peace, Freedom and Democracy for all Peoples in a Democratic Republic of Turkey,</p> <p>E. Whereas it tested its electoral programme for the first time in the 2014 local elections and presidential election, when its candidate Selahattin Demirtaş obtained nearly 10% of the national vote,</p> | |

F. Whereas the right to elect and be elected is the essential condition of a democratic process,

G. Whereas the Trustee Regime in Turkey replaces elected Mayors by government-appointed Trustees to silence social and political opposition.

H. Whereas 17 HDP co-mayors have been jailed and the Turkish Government has taken control of more than 28 HDP-run municipalities.

I. Whereas the co-presidency and equal representation system is among the greatest steps women have taken towards social transformation in Turkey,

J. Whereas anti-democratic practices are not limited to Kurds alone but spread out to all Peoples and corners of the country,

K. Whereas the war in Northern and Eastern Syria cannot be seen as independent from this framework,

L. Whereas more than 900,000 people have been displaced in Idlib since 1 December 2019, including 70.000 children dying from cold,

M. Whereas war is part of a global scheme put into practice by the Turkish authoritarian regime even to strengthen its negotiating position with the EU,

The European Free Alliance,

1. Reiterates its profound concern at the continuous deterioration of fundamental freedoms and the rule of Law in Turkey after the 2019 March 31st and June 23rd elections.

2. Calls on the international community to move from words to deeds in contributing to preserve democratic values in Turkey.

3. Condemns that the Co-Presidency system has become the first target of trustee seizures, affecting, in particular, women co-presidents.

4. Calls on women's movements, political parties, trade unions, civil society, international and non-governmental organizations to foster and implement the co-presidency and equal representation system.

4. Calls on the Government of Turkey to implement the European Charter of Local Self-Government and in particular Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Charter.

4. Calls on the Government of Turkey to abide by its own Constitution and implement the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

5. Calls the Turkish authorities to release immediately Selahattin Demirtaş, leader of the opposition and presidential candidate, as the recent ruling of the European Court of Human Rights on his case, establishes.

6. Denounces the gravity of the consequences of war and destabilisation in the region.
7. Urges the new European Commission team to create a Comprehensive Crisis Management Commission on Turkey..
8. Urges the European Commission to include in all political, social or economic agreements with Turkey the conditionality clauses on humanitarian standards and fundamental rights.
9. Urges the European Commission to impose targeted sanctions against Turkey such as the suspension of the trade preferences under the agreement on agricultural products and, as a last resort, the suspension of the EU-Turkey customs union;
10. Calls for a comprehensive EU-wide arms embargo on Turkey, including dual-use technology goods.
11. Calls on the Member States to show much stronger commitment.
12. Calls on civil society organisations, Parliaments, local and regional authorities to foster contacts and bilateral agreements as the main tool to put international solidarity into practice.
13. Instructs EFA Bureau to forward this resolution to the Council, the President of the Commission, the Commissioner for Crisis Management, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Turkish President, the Turkish Government and its Parliament and requests that this resolution be translated into Turkish and Kurdish.