

Proposal for Spring Congress

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The Spring Congress may decide:

1 The relationship with Turkey under assessment

2 Considering that:

- 3 • Turkey was officially recognized as a candidate for full EU-membership in December
- 4 1999, about twenty years ago and negotiations have been spanning over the course of
- 5 fourteen years now - yet, not even half of the necessary chapters which have to be
- 6 opened and completed for the accession process to be successful have been touched
- 7 until this day. The talks have reached a stalemate.
- 8 • From the coup attempt in July 2016 until November 2016, about 120,000 Turks were
- 9 dismissed or suspended from their public sector jobs, 40,000 Turks arrested, scores of
- 10 journalists rounded up and figures of the political opposition detained.
- 11 • The freedom of speech and the freedom of press are under attack in Turkey to the point
- 12 where journalists from EU-member states have been taken into custody without a fair
- 13 trial.
- 14 • Turkey's president Erdogan has recently stated that he is in favour of the death penalty.
- 15 • Turkey is financially supported by the European Union with "pre-accession aid"
- 16 amounting to several billion euros.

17 Recognizing that:

- 18 - In 2016, the European Parliament passed a resolution requesting the European Commission
- 19 to suspend the accession talks. In 2019, a European parliament committee voted to suspend the
- 20 accession talks.
- 21 - The EU General Affairs Council pointed out that Turkey has been moving further away from the
- 22 European Union and the negotiations are not leading anywhere, stating that "no further chapters
- 23 can be considered for opening or closing".

24 Believing that:

- 25 - The people of the member states of the European Union and the people of Turkey deserve
- 26 more than political stalemate. Since an accession seems to be out of question with regards to the
- 27 political development and the human rights development in Turkey, other dialogue channels
- 28 should be opened in order to foster the discourse between the EU and Turkey.
- 29 - To keep the accession talks open without any chance of success in sight is not fair - especially
- 30 not to those within the Turkish civil society who are affected by the recent political development
- 31 and must fear oppression.

32 The European Liberal Youth calls for:

- 33 - The stop of the EU-accession talks with Turkey.
- 34 - An assessment of common grounds as the basis for a new, strategic partnership which does
35 the people of Turkey and the people of EU-member states justice.
- 36 - to remain in dialogue with Turkey. This dialogue should take place not only at diplomatic level,
37 but especially at civil society level as well as on the industry and business level.

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