

Draft Resolution

1 **100 Year since Armenian Genocide**

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3 Marking the anniversary of 100 years since the Armenian Genocide, the European Green party expresses
4 its' compassion with the Armenian people and calls for action towards an historical rectification, bilateral
5 reconciliation and firm action against hatred and all shapes of extremism.
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7 We acknowledge the bloodshed that was conducted by the Ottoman state against the Armenian people
8 during 1915-1923, within the meaning of the convention on the prevention and the punishment of crimes
9 of genocide, adopted by the UN General Assembly on 9 December 1948. The structural and well planned
10 violence conducted by the Young Turkish regime brought death reportedly to 1.5 million ethnic
11 Armenians. Nevertheless, we want to express additional mourning to the destruction of whole
12 communities, cultural heritage and interethnic society committed at the time. This is about not forgetting
13 and commemorating the victims from Assyrian and Pontiac Greeks, numbering over a million fallen. We
14 must not neglect that this tragic campaign included severe torture, rape, and destruction of families,
15 communities' structures and displacement.
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17 Denial of the Genocide by the Turkish state and prorogation of recognition by other states, not only
18 keeps the Armenian community further from historical settlement and having their own history, but also
19 adversely affects true reconciliation between Turkey and Armenia and moreover weakens our voice and
20 actions against new waves of violence.
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22 The EGP urges the EU Member states and the European states that have not yet done so to open the
23 political process to recognise and condemn the Genocide, followed by the respective Act.
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- 25 - We deem that it's of the utmost importance that the actual Turkish state recognises the
26 Genocide and conducts acts of moral and historical rehabilitation towards the Armenians
- 27 - We consider an official apology act of honor that the Government of Turkey can offer to the
28 Armenian state and diaspora.
- 29 - We call Government of Turkey to immediately abolish Article 301 of the Turkish Penal Code
30 that censors political and public debate on the genocide issue and must exempt everyone
31 imprisoned or fined under this article.
- 32 - Seeing it as an investment in a common future and cooperation we call upon the Turkish
33 government and civil society to re-evaluate historical and cultural narratives and thoroughly
34 eliminate hatred from them
- 35 - Additionally, we consider necessary step from Turkish government to open an archives and
36 invest in opportunities for historians, academics and researchers to relay diverse historical
37 perspectives, supporting transparent debate and facilitate the process of coming to terms with
38 the past
- 39 - We urge the Government of Turkey to respect and include the Armenian Cultural heritage
40 within State borders in Acts of Protection and Development of Cultural Heritage.
- 41 - Finally, the current regime in Turkey must acknowledge that failing to acknowledge Armenian
42 Genocide and invest in reconciliation until today gave cause to rhetoric of violence and fear
43 and gave legitimacy to perpetrators, raising extremism and to a large degree contributed to
44 the recent wave of violence.
- 45 - We urge governments of both countries to establish diplomatic relations without any
46 precondition with utmost priority of opening shared border.
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48 As Europeans, as Greens, we believe that everyone's right to their own history, culture and identity needs
49 to be respected. The European Greens acknowledge the Armenian Genocide and pay due respect to its
50 victims as a step to reconciliation and historical reparation.