

## Compromise Draft Resolution

### 1 **100 Year since Armenian Genocide**

3 Marking the anniversary of 100 years since the Armenian Genocide, the European Green Party expresses  
4 its' ~~compassion~~ solidarity with the Armenian people and calls for action towards an historical rectification,  
5 bilateral reconciliation, and firm action against hatred and all forms of ~~extremism~~ violence.

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7 We acknowledge that the bloodshed that was conducted by the Ottoman state against the Armenian  
8 people, during 1915-1923, constituted a genocide within-according to the meaning of the convention on  
9 the prevention and the punishment of crimes of genocide, adopted by the UN General Assembly on 9  
10 December 1948. The structural and well planned violence conducted by the ~~Young Turkish regime~~ Ottoman  
11 state brought death ~~reportedly to an estimated~~ to 1.5 million ethnic Armenians. ~~Nevertheless, W~~we want  
12 to express additional mourning to the destruction of whole communities, cultural heritage and interethnic  
13 society committed at the time. This is about not forgetting and commemorating the victims, Assyrian and  
14 Pontiac Greeks, numbering over a million fallen. We must not neglect that this tragic campaign included  
15 severe torture, rape, and destruction of families, communities' structures and displacement.

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17 We also acknowledge the tacit complacency as well as support that states that are now Member  
18 States of the EU have given to the Ottoman Empire. We especially recognize that the German  
19 Kaiserreich shared responsibility for the genocide. As a close military ally of the Ottoman  
20 Empire, it knew about the massacres but decided not to intervene and even prevented related  
21 information from spreading in the public.

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23 Denial of the Genocide by the Turkish state and prorogation of recognition by other states, not only keeps  
24 the Armenian community further from historical settlement and having their own history, but also  
25 adversely affects true reconciliation between Turkey and Armenia and moreover weakens ~~our~~ voice and  
26 actions against new waves of violence.

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29 Henceforth we commend the Turkish citizens who are strongly and fearlessly committed to the  
30 recognition of the Armenian genocide and who stand up to the State propaganda and censorship.

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32 The EGP urges the EU Member states and the European states that have not yet done so, to open the  
33 political process to recognise and condemn the Genocide, followed by the respective Act.

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35 - We deem that it's of the utmost importance that the ~~actual~~ Turkish state government  
36 recognises the Genocide and conducts acts of moral and historical rehabilitation towards the  
37 Armenians.
- 38 - We call upon the Government of Turkey to offer its official apologies to the Armenian  
39 state and diaspora.
- 40 - ~~We consider an official apology act of honor that the Government of Turkey can offer to the~~  
41 ~~Armenian state and diaspora.~~
- 42 - We call upon the Government of Turkey to immediately abolish Article 301 of the Turkish Penal  
43 Code that among other things censors political and public debate on the genocide issue and  
44 to acquit all those who were ~~must exempt everyone~~ imprisoned or fined under this  
45 article.
- 46 - Seeing it as an investment in a common future and cooperation, we call upon the Turkish  
47 government and civil society to re-evaluate historical and cultural narratives and thoroughly  
48 eliminate hatred from them.
- 49 - Additionally, the Turkish Government should take the necessary steps to open all

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50 archives and invest in opportunities for historians, academics and researchers to engage  
51 in a transparent debate and come to terms with its past.~~archives and invest in~~  
52 ~~opportunities for historians, academics and researchers to relay diverse historical perspectives;~~  
53 ~~supporting transparent debate and facilitate the process of coming to terms with the past.~~  
54 ~~anwe consider necessary step from Turkish government to op~~

- 55 - We urge the Government of Turkey to respect and include the Armenian cultural heritage  
56 within State borders within Acts of Protection and Development of Cultural Heritage.
- 57 - Finally, the current regime in Turkey must acknowledge~~admit~~ that failing to acknowledge the  
58 Armenian Genocide and invest in reconciliation until today gave cause to rhetoric of violence  
59 and fear and gave legitimacy to perpetrators, ~~raising extremism and to a large degree~~  
60 ~~contributed to the recent wave of violence.~~
- 61 - We urge governments of both countries to establish diplomatic relations without any  
62 precondition with utmost priority of opening shared border.
- 63 - We urge the German government to recognize unequivocally the responsibility that  
64 the German Kaiserreich carried with regard to the Armenian genocide and to provide  
65 substantial financial and other support for efforts to research and commemorate the  
66 Armenian genocide. We urge the governments of Germany and of all EU member  
67 states to anchor the history of the Armenian genocide both in their respective national  
68 and in the European culture of remembrance.

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70 As Europeans and as Greens, we believe that everyone's right to their own history, culture and identity  
71 needs to be respected. The European Greens acknowledge the Armenian genocide and pay due respect to  
72 its victims as a first step towards historical reparation.