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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
concerning constitutional reform in Turkey**

The European Union considers that the constitutional reforms recently passed by the Turkish parliament by a convincing majority are an encouraging step in the democratisation of the country and a first stage in the swift implementation of the National Programme for the Adoption of the *Acquis* (NPAA).

The European Union urges Turkey to continue along the path of reform and looks to it to take other measures, particularly by way of legislation, in accordance with the accession partnership, for effective implementation on the ground.

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