

## PRESS RELEASE

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The 87th proposed amendment of the European Parliament's 2013 Progress Report on Turkey penned by the Dutch Christian Democrat Ria Oomen-Ruijten refers to the Hizmet movement. While criticizing the Turkish government's response to the recent corruption, money-laundering and bribery investigations, the proposed amendment tabled by four Liberal Democrat MEPs also calls upon the Hizmet movement to improve its transparency and accountability. In addition, the proposed amendment recommends that an impartial inquiry looks into all allegations made against the Hizmet movement.

The Hizmet movement has repeatedly invited for allegations and accusations leveled at itself to be investigated and proven. To date, it has been subjected to various forms of judicial, political and academic scrutiny in Turkey and some European countries. Notwithstanding, it continues to invite and welcomes scrutiny. Most recently, on 30th December 2013, the Journalists and Writers Foundation, whose honorary president is Mr Fethullah Gülen, issued a press release calling on those making allegations about the Hizmet movement to provide evidence to prove their claims without delay. In this vein, we as the Intercultural Dialogue Platform, a Hizmet-inspired organization, welcomes the 87th proposed amendment and announces that it support an inquiry into the Hizmet movement that will be carried out in accordance with the principles of the rule of law, impartiality and the independence of judicial process.

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### INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE PLATFORM

#### Note:

Intercultural Dialogue Platform (IDP) is a non-profit organisation based in Brussels with the aim of advancing and promoting inter-cultural dialogue in Europe whose honorary president is Mr Fethullah Gülen.