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Re: **Turkey's threats against America**

I wanted to share with you news about the growing backlash against Turkey's threats against the United States.

Most recently, Congressmen Frank Pallone and Joe Knollenberg, in a letter to the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, publicly condemned "the Turkish government's threats to retaliate against our country if the U.S. Congress, exercising its Constitutional duties, moves toward adoption of a resolution affirming the Armenian Genocide."

In their letter, the two legislators voiced their outrage that:

“. . . the Turkish government would put the lives of our troops abroad at risk in the pursuit of its increasingly desperate campaign to deny the systematic slaughter of 1.5 million Armenians.”

Attached find a one-pager with more information about Turkey's threats. If you have any questions, please call us at (202) 775-1918 or write to anca@anca.org.

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The introduction of the Armenian Genocide Resolution has sparked a new round of Turkish threats to interfere with Coalition operations in Iraq if the U.S. Congress moves toward adoption of this human rights legislation.

By issuing these brazen and deeply offensive warnings:

- 1) Turkey threatens the security of U.S. forces in Iraq**
- 2) Turkey threatens America's moral stand against all genocides**
- 3) Turkey threatens the integrity of the U.S. legislative process**

The truth behind Turkey's threats

Turkey has taken only token steps against Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Argentina, Austria, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, and other states that have recognized the Armenian Genocide.

The French example: Despite all its threats in 2001 against France recognizing the Armenian Genocide, trade between France and Turkey grew 22% the following year, and has grown by 131% over the past five years. (Source: OECD)

The U.S. example: Despite years of U.S. deference to Turkey's genocide denials, in 2003 Ankara still blocked a northern front into Iraq, a move the Pentagon has said added significantly to the problems currently facing our forces.

The truth is that U.S. recognition of the Armenian Genocide will advance both U.S. interests and American values by removing a source of regional instability and reaffirming our nation's principled opposition to all instances of genocide.