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JOINT PARLAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Istanbul, 11 October 1974

Mr Cornelis Berkhouwer
President of the European Parliament
Centre Européen
Robert Schuman Building
LUXEMBOURG-KIRCHBERG

Dear Mr President,

We enclose the text of the recommendations adopted on
11 October 1974 in Istanbul by the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary
Committee at the end of its XVIIIth meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Kamran Inan
President-in-office

Ludwig Fellermaier
joint president

XVIIIth MEETING

6 - 11 October 1974

ISTANBUL - TARABYA

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

The EEC/Turkey joint parliamentary Committee met in Istanbul-Tarabya under the joint chairmanship of Mr Ludwig Fellermaier, Chairman of the Delegation from the European Parliament and Mr Kâmrân Inan, Chairman of the Turkish Grand National Assembly.

In the course of the debates - in which the President-in-Office of the EEC-Turkey Association Council and of the Council of the European Communities, Mr Bernard Destremau, the Foreign Minister of the Turkish Republic, Mr Turan Günes and the Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities took part - the delegates considered problems connected with the Association and also, in general, all the questions arising in the context of international relations, the Mediterranean area and, particularly, relations between the Associated States.

The members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee agreed to work for the restoration of lasting peace in Cyprus, especially as an independent state associated with the Community was involved, and in consideration of the interests of the long-suffering populations on both sides.

The Members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee again stressed that still closer cooperation between the Community, the Member States and Turkey had to be sought in the Association Council in order to find joint solutions to international problems - especially those of specifically common interest.

The EEC/Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee gave special consideration to economic problems in connection with the Association, as well as problems relating to Turkish workers employed in the Community, private investment in Turkey and Turkey's industrial development.

The Joint Parliamentary Committee concluded its deliberations with the adoption of four recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION No. 1

The EEC/Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

- taking into account the political objectives of the association between Turkey and the Community,
- reiterating the necessity of strengthening cooperation and political consultation between Turkey and the Member States of the Community for achieving meaningful progress in the association relations, at a time when international relations are intensifying and rapidly changing,
- convinced that Turkey, as an associate member, aiming at eventual membership, should contribute to the development of the foreign policy of the Community,
- acknowledging once again the fact that the exploration through political consultations of the possibilities of resolving many political problems before they reach the crisis stage may have a crucial importance in some cases, as the Cyprus crisis has shown,

Requests the Association Council to ensure that:

1. the machinery for political consultation between Turkey and the Community be made more effective and that, with this objective in mind the possibilities be explored of enabling Turkey to make a contribution, in particular at the initial stages of formulation of a Community position in regard to world issues and thus having world efforts evolve in the direction of common interests and world peace;
2. it does all in its power to relieve the suffering of the two Communities of Cyprus and to pave the way towards a lasting settlement in the Island.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

- having examined the 9th Report of the Association Council,
- having noted the declarations of the Chairman in Office of the Association Council,
- referring to recommendations numbers 1 and 3 adopted at its 17th meeting held in Berlin, March 24-28, 1974,
- bearing in mind that the balanced development of commercial relations is important for the association between Turkey and the Community to gain vitality in accordance with the spirit of the association agreement,
- welcomes the fact that for the first time since 1969 the rate of growth of Turkish exports to the Community exceeds the rate of growth of its imports from the Community and considers that efforts should be made to maintain and improve this trend,
- notes however that the marked growth in the volume of trade between the EEC and Turkey has led also to a growth in the Turkish deficit with the EEC,

Requests the Association Council

1. to expedite the action called for by the Joint Committee at its meeting in Berlin in March 1974, and in particular, the re-examination of the request for the inclusion of Turkey in the list of countries benefiting from the Community's Generalised system of preferences ;
2. to ensure that all possibilities be explored for the promotion and diversification of Turkish exports to the Community in both the industrial

and the agricultural sectors and that, for this purpose all appropriate measures be taken for the adoption of a preferential system that would accord Turkey, in particular for its agricultural products, at least, the highest level of advantage enjoyed by third countries ;

3. to ensure that the second phase of the first agricultural review that has been suspended because of its connection with the global Mediterranean policy of the Community, be concluded as soon as possible now that the Community has determined the contents of this policy;

4. to ensure that all possible ways of strengthening the machinery of consultation between the Community and Turkey be explored with a view to developing an appropriate balance between the responsibilities of the Community towards third countries on the one hand, and the advantages of accruing to Turkey from the Association on the other, by means of adopting the necessary compensatory measures.

RECOMMENDATION No. 3

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

- emphasising the special importance that it attaches to the social problems of the Turkish workers employed in the Community countries,
- having regard to the provisions of the additional protocol and in particular Articles 36-39 thereof,
- referring to Recommendation No. 2 adopted at its 17th meeting held in Berlin March 24-28, 1974,

Requests the Association Council to ensure that

1. the work of the association council in connection with the implementation of Article 39 of the additional Protocol be carried out with the understanding that Turkish workers employed in Community countries should enjoy the same rights and treatment as workers from Community member states ;
2. continuous vocational training programmes and language instruction programmes, in particular for unskilled workers, be organised before as well as after their reception by the host country in view of the disadvantages involved in the migration of skilled workers ;
3. the preparatory work for the realisation of freedom of movement for workers be started without delay in view of the fact that it should be achieved by progressive stages from 1976 on, and that concrete transitional steps should be taken in this direction ;
4. urgent measures be implemented to ensure that the employment situation of Turkish workers is relatively less affected by market fluctuations than that of the other workers from third countries in the Community.

RECOMMENDATION No. 4

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee -

- noting to the 9th Report of the Association Council presented by the President in Office of the Council,
- acknowledging the invaluable contribution of the annual reports of the Association Council to the work of the Joint Parliamentary Committee submitted for the purpose of recording the activities of the association organs, and the development of the Association relations,
- convinced that the work of the Joint Parliamentary Committee conducted in the light of these reports should be continued in a more effective manner for a better development of the Association,
- observing that the association organs should play a more active role in the developments that have occurred as a result of the implementation of the interim agreement which came into effect on January 1 1974, following the entry into force of the additional Protocol and the second financial protocol, as well as in the solution of problems emanating from these developments,
- noting with satisfaction in this regard the efforts that are being made to intensify the contacts between the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and the European Parliament and the meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Committee held in Strasbourg,
- having regard to the request contained in Recommendation No. 3 adopted at its 15th meeting that in future Annual Reports of the Association Council have an introductory section on the political aspects of the Association and prospects for their development should be included,

Requests the Association Council to ensure that :

1. in the annual reports of the Association Council, the various activities and the level and modes of implementation relating to recommendations adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee be clearly indicated ;
2. the annual reports of the Association Council be presented sufficiently in advance to ensure a detailed and effective examination of the developments of the Association ;
3. permanent arrangements be made for members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee to put questions to the Association Council about the problems of the Association for answer at the following Joint Meeting.

