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Motion for a resolution

tabled by Mr GLINNE  
on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 47 of  
the Rules of Procedure

on repression in Turkey

The European Parliament,

- A - taking note of the new Constitution which has been voted in Turkey and of the military junta's declarations to the effect that it is speeding up the 'return to democracy',
- B - noting further
- that several members of the DISK trade union are still in prison,
  - that on 5 January the martial law military prosecutor of Istanbul brought 18 prominent Turkish writers before the military tribunal,
  - that those writers include Mr Aziz Nesin, author of a number of works which have been translated and published in over 20 countries, and Mr Ataul Behramoglu who was recently awarded the Lotus Prize by the Afro-Asian Writers' Union,
  - that they are accused of turning the Writers' Trade Union (TYS) into a revolutionary organization by collaborating with the Turkish Peace Committee and the DISK and by organizing an evening of tribute to the famous Turkish poet, Nazim Hikmet,
- C - having learned that the Turkish Government announced on 14 December 1982 that two journalists working for Info-Türk in Brussels, Mr Dogan Özgüden and Mrs Inci Tugsavul, accused of activities detrimental to the Turkish state abroad, had to return to Turkey by 31 December 1982 and give themselves up to the military authorities,
1. Considers that the facts belie the statements by the Turkish authorities claiming that the 'return to democracy' was being speeded up;
  2. Is concerned about the fate of the DISK trade union members who are still in prison and of the 18 writers brought before the military tribunal on 5 January 1983;
  3. Appeals to the Turkish authorities for the release of all political prisoners without delay;
  4. Invites the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to explore all means of bringing diplomatic pressure to bear on the Turkish authorities so that they genuinely set in motion the process of restoring democracy, which must include the freeing of political prisoners and respect for freedom of expression;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Turkish authorities and to the Council.