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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the association between the EEC and Turkey

PE 86.328
Or. DE

The European Parliament,

- A. stressing the desire to see martial law and restrictions on fundamental human freedoms lifted in Turkey and democracy restored at an early date,
 - B. having regard to the declaration made by the Turkish Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on 30 June 1983, in which serious concern at the continuing political trials, the number of political prisoners and conditions in the prisons was expressed and in which serious reservations were expressed concerning the spirit in which the new Constitution and other recent legislative measures are being applied,
 - C. having regard to the fact that of the fifteen political parties founded since May 1983, only three have been admitted to the elections in November 1983 by the military authorities and that consequently these elections are no more than a farce,
 - D. having regard to the continued closure of newspapers and intimidation of journalists and the current political trials,
 - E. having regard to the hunger strike of 2,500 prisoners in Istanbul prisons which led to further hunger strikes by a total of some 6,000 prisoners in other Turkish prisons in order to protest at the inhuman conditions of detention,
 - F. outraged at the cynicism with which it was made possible for convicted torturers to avoid the sentences handed down by the courts by flight or to return to public service three (!) months after serving a custodial sentence,
 - G. shocked at the tragic fate of Cemal Kemal Altuns who could no longer bear the uncertainty of his extradition to Turkey as decided by the Federal German Government and therefore preferred death to being handed over to the Turkish military regime,
1. Notes that it is too early to make preparations for the resumption of EEC-Turkey association relations;
 2. Calls on its Political Affairs Committee to draw up a new report on the situation in Turkey;
 3. Expects that in this report inquiries will be made in particular into the extent to which the statements made by the military regime concerning its alleged respect for human rights in Turkey correspond with the facts, with account being taken of the numerous reports of violations of human rights in Turkey which refer to recent months;
 4. Calls on the governments of the Member States and, for the reasons referred to above, in particular on the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany neither to extradite Turkish nationals to Turkey against their will nor to deport them to Turkey until and unless it can be guaranteed that on his return to his homeland, the person involved will not be subject to torture or political persecution;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the EEC-Turkey Association Council, the governments of the member states and the Turkish Government.