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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Socialist Group

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

on the persecution of Bulent ECEVIT

PE 78.634

The European Parliament,

- a) expressing its indignation at the systematic persecution, detention and torture of Turkish citizens, including a number of trade union and political leaders,
- b) whereas the former Prime Minister Bulent ECEVIT has been systematically persecuted and harassed for several months by the Turkish authorities,
- c) whereas, following his release on 1 February 1982, he was arrested again and risks long-term imprisonment,
- d) whereas no charge can be levelled against him other than making political statements containing criticisms of the ruling junta either recently or before the military coup of September 12 1980.
- e) expressing its solidarity with Mr ECEVIT whose democratic views are not in doubt,
- 1. Calls on the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to express their indignation at the systematic persecution of Mr Bulent ECEVIT;
- 2. Calls on them at the same time to urge the Turkish authorities to discontinue this reprehensible action and to release Mr ECEVIT immediately;
- 3. Calls on the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to renew the appeal for an immediate end to martial law and to pursue vigorously the necessary measures for the complete restoration of democracy in Turkey;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the Commission, Council, European Council and the Turkish Government.