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JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Copenhagen, 24 April 1975

Mr Georges SPENALE
President of the European Parliament
European Centre
Robert Schuman Building
LUXEMBOURG-KIRCHBERG

Dear Mr President,

Please find attached the text of the recommendations adopted
by the EEC/Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee on 24 April 1975
in Copenhagen, at the close of its XIXth Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Kamran INAN
Chairman-in-office

Frankie HANSEN
Co-chairman

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FINAL COMMUNIQUE

The Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association met at Copenhagen under the chairmanship of Mr Kâmrân INAN, chairman of the Delegation of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, and of Mr Frankie HANSEN, chairman of the Delegation of the European Parliament.

In the course of its discussions, in which the chairman in office of the EEC/Turkey Association Council, Mr Sükrü ELEKDAG, and the chairman in office of the Council of the European Communities, Mr John KELLY, took part, the members of Parliament raised various questions in the international field, in particular concerning relations between the associated Mediterranean countries.

The members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee expressed the opinion that in view of the eventual full membership of Greece and Turkey durable solutions could be reached by negotiation to the problems between them. This was particularly true of the problems of Cyprus and the Aegean Sea. In this connection, they have noted with satisfaction the constructive attitude of the Turkish government, which has declared itself ready to enter into negotiations.

The members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee also considered that the results of the work of the Association Council were not fully satisfactory; they expressed a wish to intensify consultation and coordination, particularly in the field of economic policy, between the Community and Turkey.

The EEC/Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee raised the economic and social problems of the Association and underlined the importance of investment for the encouragement of Turkish industrial development.

At the end of its deliberations the Joint Parliamentary Committee adopted the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION No. 1

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

- referring to Recommendation No. 1 adopted at its XVIIIth session,
- recognising the necessity of achieving the political aims of the Association between the EEC and Turkey,
- convinced that Turkey, on the basis of future adhesion provided for in the Treaty of Association, should take a more active part in the work of the EEC,
- reaffirming on this occasion the necessity of finding a just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem which will satisfy the parties concerned,
- noting with satisfaction the decision of Turkey and Greece to hold talks at Ministerial level and jointly refer the question of the Aegean continental shelf to the International Court of Justice,

Requests the Association Council:

1. to seek to create permanent and effective political consultation between Turkey and the EEC;
2. to take the initiative with the parties concerned in order that the unresolved and urgent problems of the eastern Mediterranean should be brought to a solution rapidly on the basis of negotiations;
3. to urge the parties to the question of Cyprus to reach a viable and lasting solution based on a sovereign independent state and on the equality of the two communities of the island;
4. to urge the responsible bodies of the Community to ensure that the proposals of the Commission of the EEC concerning Community food aid for Cyprus are at last put into effect, thus contributing to the relief of the suffering of the two Cypriot communities, and that this aid will reach both communities living on the Island.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

- noting the declarations of the Chairman-in-Office of the Association Council,
 - referring to Recommendation No. 4 adopted at its XVIIIth session,
 - convinced of the need to intensify the work of the Association's organs,
 - recognising the intensification of contacts between the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and the European Parliament, particularly at the meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Committee in Luxembourg,
1. regrets that the Association Council has not met since 14 October 1974, in spite of the current problems;
 2. is dissatisfied with the working of the Association's organs and with the results obtained since its last session;
 3. regrets that, in spite of its Recommendation, the 10th Annual Report will not be presented in time for its XIXth session;
 4. notes the failure to draw up an action programme, asked for on several occasions since its XVIIIth session, which should contribute to the development of the EEC/Turkey Association and ensure a better use of the possibilities provided within the framework of the existing agreements.

RECOMMENDATION No. 3

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

- referring to Articles 16 to 21 of the Association Agreement,
 - referring to the difficulties resulting from the economic crisis in the countries of the Association and particularly to the problems of unemployment and inflation,
 - referring to the need for an intensification of commerce between the EEC and Turkey and particularly for an improvement in the terms of trade,
 - referring to the multilateral negotiations in the framework of the GATT, which began on 11 February 1975 at Geneva,
1. requests member countries of the Association to ensure that their efforts to concert their economic policies are directed to the resolution of all the problems which lead to a reduction of trade, particularly unemployment, inflation, and non-tariff barriers;
 2. underlines the deterioration in Turkey's terms of trade brought about by her large imports of capital goods;
 3. requests the Association Council to ensure that the second phase of the First Agricultural Review and the Second Agricultural Review will be started and concluded as foreseen in Article 35/3 of the Additional Protocol;
 4. requests the Association Council to ensure that the second phase of the First Agricultural Review will lead to the adoption of a preferential system which would accord to Turkey, in particular for its agricultural products, at least the highest level of advantages enjoyed by third countries;
 5. requests the Association Council to draw up a report on concertation and consultation by members of the Association with regard to multilateral negotiations in the GATT.

RECOMMENDATION No. 4

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

- having noted the declaration of the Chairman-in-Office of the Association Council,
- reiterating the special importance that it attaches to the social problems of the Turkish workers employed in the Community countries,
- expressing astonishment that the Association Council, after more than a year has elapsed, is still not prepared to put into effect the conditions of Article 39 of the Additional Protocol,
- referring to Recommendation No. 2 adopted at its 17th session held in Berlin and to Recommendation No. 3 adopted at its 18th session held in Istanbul,
- convinced that particular attention must be paid to the educational problems of the children of Turkish workers employed in the Community countries,

Requests the Association Council:

1. to ensure that children of Turkish workers employed in the Community countries enjoy the same educational opportunities as those afforded to nationals of the countries of the Community taking into account their particular educational needs;
2. to expedite the establishment, in areas where there is a concentration of Turkish children, of Joint Committees consisting of national and Turkish experts, with the aim of finding solutions to the educational problems of Turkish children;
3. to ensure that preparatory work for the implementation of Article 36 of the Additional Protocol is started without delay;
4. to ensure that Article 39 of the Additional Protocol is implemented in full without further delay.

