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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure on the military junta in Turkey

PE 72.114

The European Parliament,

- considering that there has been no move towards the restoration of democracy in Turkey since the military régime was established despite the assurances to the contrary given by the military authorities to European countries and to the institutions of the EEC,
- considering that, despite the expressed aims of the military régime,
 political violence is continuing with the backing of the régime,
- whereas it is incumbent upon both Turkey and the Member States of the European Community, as parties to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, to ensure that its provisions are respected not only within their own territory but also within the whole area covered by the Convention,
- welcoming the joint statement by the institutions of the European Community declaring the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms binding for the activities of the Community as such,
- perturbed by the fact that reports citing precise details of numerous violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms under the military régime in Turkey which are not the consequence of the declaration of a state of emergency, have not as yet been convincingly rebutted,
- noting that the announced intention to restore democracy will forfeit credibility unless concrete steps to this end are taken in the near future:
- Supports the struggle of the Turkish people for the restoration of democratic institutions, of Parliament, of political parties and of trade unions;
- Condemns the prolonged suspension of the democratic institutions of Turkey;
- 3. Condemns with abhorrence the executions and torture in Turkey and the imprisonment of innocent democratic citizens;
- 4. Calls on the Commission, the Council and the Member States to fulfil their responsibilities under the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, in particular by:
 - (a) urging the Turkish Government to present without delay a list of measures to introduce democratic liberties, giving specific deadlines for their implementation,

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- (b) drawing the attention of the Turkish military régime to the fact that the association between Turkey and the European Community will be suspended with immediate effect unless democratic institutions and practices are reinstated within two months;
- 5. Demands guarantees and support for the freedom and democratic rights (right to free trade unions, right to demonstrate and organize etc.) of Turkish migrant workers and students in the countries of the European Community;
- 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council, and to the parliaments and governments of the Member States.

Justification:

The continuing grave political situation in Turkey, the continuing imprisonment, torture and execution of political prisoners, and the practical refusal of the Turkish military régime to return in the short term to a democratic parliamentary system in Turkey, force the European Community to take immediate action towards the oppressive Turkish régime.