

**ASSOCIATION  
BETWEEN THE  
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AND TURKEY  
- Association Council -**

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The EEC-Turkey Association Council held its 34th meeting on Monday 8 November 1993, chaired by Mr Willy CLAES, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium and President-in-Office of the Council of the European Union.

The Turkish delegation was led by Mr Hikmet ÇETIN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Republic.

The European Commission was represented by Sir Leon BRITTAN, Member of the Commission, and the European Investment Bank by Mr P. PETTOVICH, Director.

1. The Association Council devoted most of the 34th meeting to an exchange of views on the completion of the Customs Union between the parties in 1995 and to an examination of matters arising from the Association in the various domains covered by the Agreement and of new events which have occurred in this context since its last meeting on 9 November 1992.

2. In his opening address, the President of the Council, Mr CLAES, stressed the convergence of views on the objective of completing the Customs Union within the time limit laid down; he stressed that the Community was aware that the achievement of Customs Union, on the scale which was envisaged undoubtedly represented a qualitative leap forward which should be seen in the overall context of EEC-Turkey association relations. In this connection, he referred to the conclusions of the Lisbon European Council, which were confirmed in Copenhagen, on intensified co-operation and development of relations between the Community and Turkey.

3. The Turkish delegation expressed satisfaction at the improvement in relations between the European Community and Turkey and stressed the importance it attached to the achievement of Customs Union with the Community in 1995 which represented a concrete step and a critical turning point in its relations with the Community. It also called on the

Community to be more enterprising in achieving the other objectives of the Association Agreement and hoped relations between Turkey and the European Community would be characterized by a greater dynamism in the context of the ultimate purpose of the links between them, namely the accession of Turkey to the European Union.

4. Following its deliberations, the Association Council adopted a resolution (attached hereto) reaffirming the decision of both parties to achieve effective completion of the Customs Union in accordance with the timetable and procedures laid down in the Ankara Agreement and the Additional Protocol, and reiterating their determination to take the implementing decisions in sufficient time to enable the Customs Union to be operative in 1995. It called on both parties to step up preparatory technical discussions within the Steering Committee and to that end it approved a work programme. It instructed the Association Committee to ensure that it be kept regularly informed of the progress of work so that it could report back to it in due course.

5. The Association Council also took note of trade developments between Turkey and the Community and noted with satisfaction that the volume of trade between the two parties exceeded \$20 billion. Turkey, however, had a deficit of \$2,4 billion in 1992.

6. The Association Council examined the various points on which problems had been noted in the application of the Association Agreement and was of the opinion that the framework established by the Association Agreement should enable both parties to find solutions in the fields of interest to them.

7. As regards the institutional functioning of the Association, the Association Council noted that the EEC-Turkey Customs Co-operation Committee was continuing its discussions with a view to Customs Union. The Association Council recalled the importance attached to the work of the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee. Finally, the Association Council called on the Economic and Social Committee of the Community to initiate without delay co-operation with corresponding bodies in Turkey on the basis of Article 27 of the Ankara Agreement.

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**RESOLUTION  
OF THE EEC-TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
CONCERNING THE CUSTOMS UNION**

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The EEC-Turkey Association Council, meeting in Brussels on 8 November 1993,

Whereas thirty years after the signing of the Ankara Agreement in 1963, Association relations between the European Community and Turkey remain as important as ever in this period of major political and economic changes in Europe and in their common environment,

Taking note of the determination of the Turkish Government to strengthen its relations with the European Community by completion of the Customs Union as provided for in the Association Agreement, and in accordance with its application for accession submitted in 1987,

Whereas, moreover, the European Council in Copenhagen in June 1993 confirmed the guidelines laid down in Lisbon in 1992 on intensified co-operation and development of relations with Turkey with a view to their effective implementation in line with the prospect laid down in the Association Agreement and the Additional Protocol of 1970 as far as it relates to the establishment of a Customs Union:

- reaffirms the decision of both parties to achieve effective completion of the Customs Union in accordance with the timetable and procedures laid down in the Ankara Agreement and the Additional Protocol;
- reiterates the determination of both parties to take the implementing decisions in sufficient time to enable Customs Union to be operative in 1995. In addition to the joint decisions to be adopted in accordance with procedures to be decided on subsequently, each party will take any legislative, regulatory and administrative measures of its own that are necessary for the proper functioning of the Customs Union;
- therefore requests both parties to step up preparatory technical discussions;
- takes note of the conclusions of the Association Committee of 22 October 1993 and approves the work programme drawn up jointly;
- instructs the Association Committee to ensure that it is kept regularly informed of the progress of work so that it can report back in due course.



## EEC - TURKEY ASSOCIATION

### **WORK PROGRAMME ON THE CUSTOMS UNION**

#### **I. Issues related to the completion of the Customs Union**

1. Free circulation of goods between the EC and Turkey:
  - Elimination of duties and taxes of equivalent effect
  - Elimination of quantitative restrictions and measures of equivalent effect
  - Provisions applying to processed agricultural products (Non-Annex II)
  - Provisions applying to steel and coal (ECSC)
  
2. Agricultural products:
  - Co-operation in regard to adaptation to the Common Agricultural Policy
  - Provisions for reciprocal preferential market access
  
3. Common trade policy:
  - Application of the CCT
  - Preferential policies and agreements
  - Sectoral policies
  - Others
  
4. Customs co-operation (mutual assistance, origin procedures and others)
  
5. Trade-related services and others (telecommunications, financial services, transport, tourism)

6. Approximation of trade related legislation:
  - Competition policy and state aids and anti-dumping provisions
  - Intellectual and industrial property rights
  - Technical regulations relating to industrial products
  - Public procurement
7. Institutional provisions:
  - Decision making
  - Dispute settlement
8. Financial issues and investment promotion
9. Social issues

## II. Issues related to co-operation between Turkey and the EC

1. Economic co-operation
  2. Industrial co-operation
  3. Monetary co-operation
  4. Energy co-operation
  5. Environmental co-operation
  6. Cultural co-operation
  7. Scientific Co-operation
  8. Co-operation in the field of drugs
  9. Statistical co-operation
  10. Other
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CORRIGENDUM

to the joint press release for the  
34th meeting of the EEC-Turkey Association Council  
held in Brussels on 8 November 1993

Page 2, paragraph 6, third line

- For : "... established by the Association Agreement ..."

Read : "... established by the Association Committee ...".

