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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 SUSPENDING THE COMMUNITY'S FINANCIAL AID TO
TURKEY

The European Parliament,

- whereas the military regime in Turkey has obtained funds and economic support from the Community by giving assurances that democracy and the rule of law would be reestablished within an extremely short period while the violence employed by the regime has in fact become worse and it is generally recognized that infringements of human rights and democratic principles have become part of everyday life in Turkey,
- having, in view of this situation, requested the Commission and Council on 10 April 1981¹ to suspend as from 10 June 1981 the financial aid to Turkey provided for under the Association Agreement and the special aid programme unless fundamental freedoms and democratic practice were restored; having, during the vote on the budget and by an absolute majority of its Members, decided on a freezing of all further grants of finance to Turkey; whereas the governments of some Member States and most political and parliamentary organizations in Europe have come out against continuing any form of subsidy to the military regime in Turkey,
- considering that the Commission has not only completely failed to follow up Parliament's decision of 10 April but on the very next day after Parliament's decision taken during the vote on the budget, on 9 November, it requested the Council to release a new instalment of financial aid to Turkey amounting to 75,000,000 ECU which was decided on in 1979 under completely different circumstances, and that the 'rebus sic stantibus' clause is a fundamental principle of international law,
- whereas, furthermore, with the same extraordinary sense of timing, the EIB, again on the day following Parliament's vote on the budget, released the remainder of the loan to Turkey amounting in all to 19,000,000 ECU,
- recalling motions for resolutions Doc. 1-376/81 and 1-377/81,

¹ OJ No. C 101, 4.5.1981, p. 110

1. Points out that by this behaviour the Commission has used its power of political discretion against the spirit of the treaties, the joint declaration by the three Presidents of the institutions on human rights, the letter of the preamble to the EEC-Turkey association agreement, with arrogant contempt for the deliberations of the European Parliament, acting in a direction diametrically opposed to that of governments, democratic political organizations and European public opinion and thereby risking vindicating the suspicion that the Community is mindful of human rights and the rights of States only when this is someone else's responsibility;
2. Condemns, therefore, the Commission's attitude;
3. Asks the Council to turn down the proposal submitted to it by the Commission for the granting of funds to Turkey;
4. Further asks the Council to redefine in unequivocal terms the whole relationship between the Community and Turkey for as long as the military regime persists there;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.