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EEC-TURKEY  
JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

London, 27 October 1978

Mr Emilio COLOMBO  
President of the European Parliament  
Robert Schuman Building  
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Dear Mr President,

We have pleasure in enclosing the text of the recommendation adopted on 27 October 1978 in London by the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee following its XXIIIrd Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) Orhan VURAL  
Chairman-in-Office

(sgd.) Frankie HANSEN  
Co-chairman

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XXIII Meeting  
25-28 October 1978  
LONDON

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee met in London under the chairmanship of Mr Orhan VURAL, Chairman of the Delegation from the Turkish Grand National Assembly, and Mr F. HANSEN, Chairman of the Delegation from the European Parliament.

At the meeting, in which Dr von DOHNANYI, President-in-Office of the EEC-Turkey Association Council, President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities, and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, Prof. Dr. OKÇUN, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, and Mr NOEL, Secretary-General of the Commission of the European Communities took part, the committee examined the 12th and 13th Annual Reports of the EEC-Turkey Association Council and took into consideration the recent Turkish proposals submitted to the Commission which aim at the reactivation and strengthening of the Association relations. The realisation of these proposals will prepare the ground for the achievement of the final goals of the Association. It also emphasized the necessity of improving trade and social relations as well as the establishment of a broad economic and financial cooperation between Turkey and the European Community.

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee also discussed matters relating to the enlargement of the Community and developments in the eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean.

At the close of its discussions the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee adopted the following recommendation:

### Recommendation

The Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association,

- having regard to the Twelfth and Thirteenth Annual Reports of the Association Council,
- referring to the requests and appeals made by the European Parliament on 4 July 1978 regarding the reactivation and up-dating of the EEC-Turkey Association<sup>1</sup>,
- having regard to the statements made by the President-in-Office of the Association Council, the representatives of the Turkish Government, and the Council and Commission of the European Communities,
- emphasizing the commitments of the Community under the Association Agreements and its willingness to contribute, without any counter concessions, to the efforts being made by Turkey with a view to overcoming the present serious economic crisis which affects all sections of the Turkish economy and to assist in the necessary conditions for Turkey's eventual accession into the Community,

#### regarding institutional relations

1. Welcomes the resumption of parliamentary activities after an interruption of nearly two years and hopes that they will contribute constructively to the reshaping of the Association according to the needs of Turkey;
2. Requests a comprehensive reexamination of the principles and approaches that govern the relations between Turkey and the EEC, taking into account the effects of a possible future enlargement on the EEC-Turkey Association in the political, economic, commercial, social and financial fields;
3. Urges the Association Council to work out prior to a possible enlargement of the European Community concrete solutions which will meet Turkey's requirements;
4. Expresses its deep satisfaction that following the intensive discussions between the Prime Minister of Turkey and the President of the Commission of the European Communities on 25 May 1978 in Brussels, exploratory talks were held between the Delegations of Turkey and of the Commission during which a very useful exchange of views took place on the Turkish proposals; and hopes that the discussions within the Associations's institutions will soon result in a reactivation and development of the Association;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 182, 31.7.1978, page 26

5. Underlines the indivisibility of the Turkish proposals which contain
- a minimum five-year grace period during which certain obligations of Turkey will be suspended,
  - an intensive economic cooperation accompanied by effective and substantial financial support including private capital from the EEC countries,
  - an amelioration of concessions for Turkish agricultural and industrial products as well as the necessary improvement in the social field;
6. Urges the member countries and the Commission to give most favourable consideration to the Turkish proposals which are in full conformity with the goals of the Association Agreements and aim at creating the necessary conditions for Turkey's eventual accession to the Community;
7. Hopes that the negotiations will rapidly be concluded on all aspects of the Turkish proposals and the necessary measures will be put into force as early as possible, preferably before the end of 1978;

regarding political questions

8. Is of the opinion that the problems currently facing the Association must be considered and solved in the light of Turkey's importance for the Community;
9. Hopes that the discussions recently started in Brussels upon the presentation of the Turkish proposals will lead to a process of negotiations which aim at reactivating the Association relations between Turkey and the Community and will also produce a similar impetus in devising ways of political consultation;

regarding economic and trade relations

10. Notes with deep concern the insufficiency of assistance by the Community in helping Turkey to solve the problems of the Turkish trade deficit and foreign payments which have become much more severe in recent years;
11. Reiterates its call, for a comprehensive up-dating of the Association, not only to help Turkey overcome its present economic difficulties but also to make additional effective contributions to economic and social development in that country, with particular reference to unemployment, which will facilitate her future accession to the Community;

12. Requests that the Association Council will take effective measures to assure a preferential margin for Turkish products over the third countries and promote Turkish exports to the Community free from all barriers and, in collaboration with the Community, to third countries;

13. Expresses its deep concern that the Community has imposed restrictions on the import of Turkish textile products, recognizes that such actions seriously undermine Turkish confidence in the value of the Association Agreements and urges the lifting of these restrictions as soon as possible;

14. Hopes that the discussions already started between Turkey and the Community in order to develop the Association will soon lead to concrete solutions which will be satisfactory to Turkey, and requests particularly the Association Council to establish comprehensive cooperation to assure the accelerated development of the Turkish industry and agriculture;

regarding financial cooperation

15. Calls on Turkey, the Institutions and the Member States of the Community to take the necessary steps to assure the earliest utilization of the loans accorded to Turkey by the Third Financial Protocol;

16. Urges the Member States of the Community to work out further possibilities of extending financial cooperation as soon as possible;

17. Calls on the Commission and the Council of the EEC as well as on its Member States to set up an emergency programme to resolve Turkey's foreign payments problems;

regarding social questions

18. Regrets that Article 39 of the Additional Protocol concerning social security for Turkish workers has still not been put into effect and consequently urges the Association Council to complete its task in this respect as soon as possible;

19. Calls on the Community to assure a significant amelioration of the process of assuring freedom of movement for the Turkish workers pursuant to Article 36 of the Additional Protocol;

20. Calls on the Community to work out appropriate measures as part of their future cooperation in order to alleviate the unemployment problems in Turkey.





