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JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Nice, 28 April 1976

Mr Georges SPENALE
President of the European Parliament
European Centre
LUXEMBOURG

Dear Mr President,

Please find attached a copy of the recommendations adopted on 28 April 1976 by the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee at the end of its XXist Meeting in Nice.

Yours sincerely,

Kamran INAN
Chairman-in-office

Frankie HANSEN
Co-chairman

Annex

XXI MEETING - 25 to 28 APRIL 1976

NICE

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee met in Nice under the chairmanship of Mr Kamran INAN, Chairman of the Delegation of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, and Mr Frankie HANSEN, Chairman of the European Parliament Delegation.

During the discussions, in which the President-in-Office of the EEC-Turkey Association Council and Finance Minister of Turkey, Mr ERGENEKON, the President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities and Minister of Economic Affairs, Transport and Tourism of Luxembourg, Mr MART, and Mr SIMONET, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, took part, the parliamentarians discussed a number of current questions of joint interest, concerning notably the eastern Mediterranean.

The members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee also stressed that a strong tie should exist between the peoples of the European Communities and the people of Turkey, a country which has been associated with the European Communities since 1964, with a view to full membership of the Communities. The members confirmed their common intention of working towards European Union.

The members again advocated speedy negotiated solutions to the Cyprus problem on the basis of the Brussels Agreement between the Foreign Ministers of Turkey and Greece, and to the unsolved problems in the Aegean. Furthermore, they called for full consultation of Turkey in connection with the forthcoming accession of Greece to the Community. The members invited the Association Council to take the appropriate steps to achieve this.

The Turkish delegation expressed its hope for the successful outcome of the steps taken in order to improve bilateral relations between Turkey and the USA, which had deteriorated after the embargo decision, and to end a situation which was undermining the common defence posture; its conviction that the strengthening of the south-eastern flank of NATO is a sine qua non for the strengthening of the western defence posture as a whole; its deep regret and concern over the initiatives taken by Greece aimed at invalidating from every point of view the western defence posture and solidarity; and its belief in the maintenance of peace in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean.

The European Parliament delegation shared the concern of the Turkish parliamentarians regarding the maintenance of peace and the need to guarantee a peaceful balance in the region.

The members stressed the importance of the fact that the Community Mediterranean policy should in no way prejudice the interest of Turkey and hoped for a comprehensive review of all areas of the Association relationship, with a view to the possibilities of activating them on the basis of the existing agreements.

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee further discussed how the European Community could contribute to the development of eastern Turkey, and advocated intensification of cooperation in the development of the region on the basis of specific proposals.

At the close of its discussions the Joint Parliamentary Committee adopted the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

- having regard to the great importance of mutual relations between Turkey and the European Communities;
 - on the basis of its Recommendation No. 1, adopted at the 20th Meeting;
 - having regard to the outcome of the meeting of the Association Council on 1/2 March 1976 and the statements of the President of the Association Council;
 - having regard to the still unresolved problems in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean;
1. Stresses once again the importance of political consultations between Turkey and the European Community on international questions of common interest;
 2. Takes note of the statement of the Association Council that the provisions of Article 56 of the Additional Protocol regarding the accession to the EEC of a third state are to be implemented fully and invites the Association Council to adopt adequate measures within the framework of the association agreements in parallel with the negotiations to this end;
 3. Hopes that the intercommunal negotiations being conducted within the agreement reached at Brussels on 12 December 1975 between the Foreign Ministers of Turkey and Greece will soon pave the way to a peaceful solution in Cyprus, and, therefore, hopes that the implementation of the EEC-Cyprus association agreement on an equal basis for both communities will contribute effectively to the successful outcome of the intercommunal negotiations;
 4. Calls on the Governments concerned to begin meaningful negotiations for an early solution to the Aegean problem - especially regarding the delimitation of the Continental shelf - with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable agreement both for Greece and Turkey, and, inter alia, to achieving a common position with the Community countries at the international conference on the Law of the Sea in New York.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

- having observed the statements of the President-in-Office of the Association Council and of representatives of the Turkish Government;
- noting that the balance of obligations of the EEC-Turkey Association is turning to the disadvantage of Turkey;
- accepting the fact that the EEC-Turkey Association must achieve a new relationship within the framework of the Association;
- stressing the need to adapt the EEC-Turkey Association to the worldwide economic conjuncture;

(a) Industrial field:

1. Recommends, therefore, flexible measures in order to assist the Turkish industrialisation process with special regard to the new and growing industries. Regarding this, it is necessary that it should be possible to transfer goods from the 12 year sector to the 22 year sector, and taking into consideration that the safeguard measures for the newly established industries within the developing industrial structure of Turkey must be increased and flexibility brought to the mechanism of quantitative restrictions, in accordance with the present economic conditions of Turkey.

(b) Commercial field:

2. Stresses that the EEC Mediterranean policy should in no way produce results contrary to the spirit and aims of the Ankara Association Agreement.
3. Welcomes the re-examination of the preferences granted to Turkish exports and of the possibility of developing and diversifying those exports, with a view to counteracting the erosion of Turkey's privileged position under the Association Agreement which has resulted from the EEC's agreements with third countries.
4. Notes the statement by the Turkish delegation concerning the right of Turkey to conclude preferential agreements in conformity with the provisions of GATT with other developing countries without being obliged to favour any other developed country with the same preferential treatment. The European Parliament delegation will return to this matter later.

5. Looks for all-round development of cooperation between the Community and Turkey in all possible fields of common interest including
- transfer of technology;
 - exchanges of information in the industrial sector and cooperation between enterprises;
 - the encouragement of the diversification of Turkish agricultural production and the improvement of marketing techniques;
 - increased consultation and coordination with Turkey on various Community policies (particularly economic, trade, and social policy);
 - more intensive exchange programmes for teachers, journalists, economic experts, union representatives, government officials, etc.

(c) Social field:

6. Expresses the hope that, with reference to Article 39 of the Additional Protocol, negotiations on the remaining social security measures will at last be concluded, with a wide interpretation of this Article;
7. Calls on the Association Council - with reference to the implementation of freedom of movement for Turkish workers within the Community provided for in Article 36 of the Additional Protocol - to expedite the preparatory work and to report to it at its next meeting;

(d) Financial field:

8. Calls for increased financial cooperation with Turkey and the early conclusion of the new Financial Protocol;
9. Underlines the fact that it is absolutely essential to decide in a short time within the Association bodies the detailed measures to be taken in the fields mentioned above and to implement them, in order to safeguard and develop the links between Turkey and the EEC within the association agreement.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee

- reiterating its strong adherence to the principle expressed in the Ankara Agreement that the support of the EEC for endeavours to improve the living standards of the Turkish people will in future facilitate the accession of Turkey to the EEC;
 - having observed the specific problems of the Turkish economy which is rapidly developing and the difficulties of the less developed Eastern and South Eastern regions of Turkey, and in the light of the reports presented at this meeting which have provided detailed information on this subject;
 - noting with satisfaction the fact that reducing the differences in development between various regions through a balanced distribution of investment in Turkey is one of the basic principles of the Turkish Development Plans;
 - taking into consideration the fact that Turkey has for the first time allocated this year a special fund totalling 1,000,000,000 TL from her budget for the development of the Eastern and South Eastern regions of Turkey;
1. Welcomes with satisfaction the special reports and recommendations presented to the Joint Committee by the rapporteurs;
 2. Stresses that the possibility of joint funds must be explored by the Association bodies in a constructive spirit, while the amount of the financial credit provided for in the Financial Protocol should be increased and used for the development of the less developed eastern and south-eastern regions of Turkey; grants and Community loans with special conditions should also be considered;
 3. Underlines the necessity of a wide economic cooperation between the European Community and Turkey in Eastern and South Eastern Anatolia mainly in the fields of industry, agriculture, transportation, telecommunications, tourism and technology, and bearing the geographical situation of the region in mind, with particular attention to the possibilities of realising this cooperation on a tripartite basis with the participation of the Middle East countries;
 4. Requests that joint detailed studies in the Association bodies, with regard to possible means of cooperation for the development of Eastern and South Eastern Anatolia, be initiated without delay.