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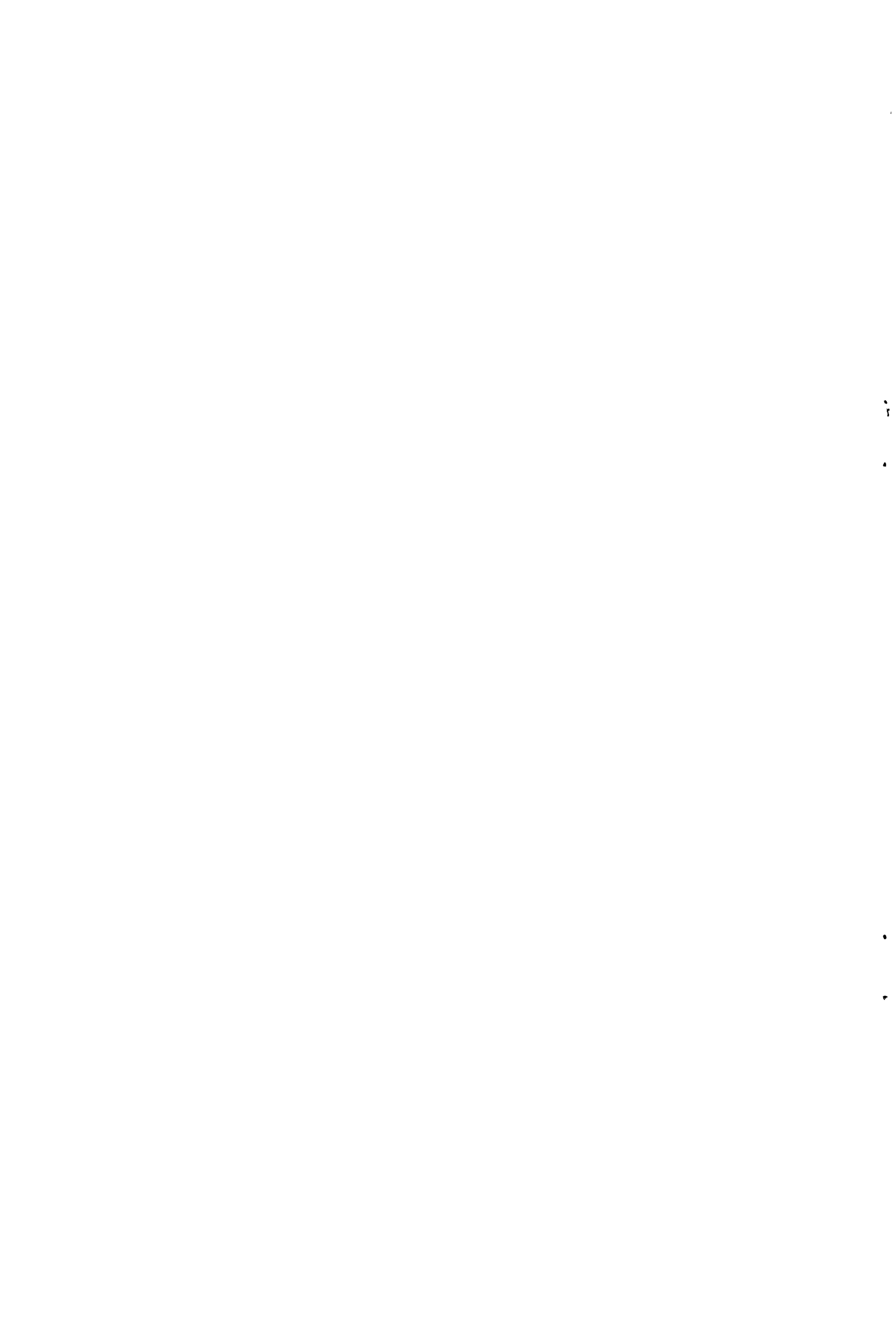
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Ankara, 9 November 1976

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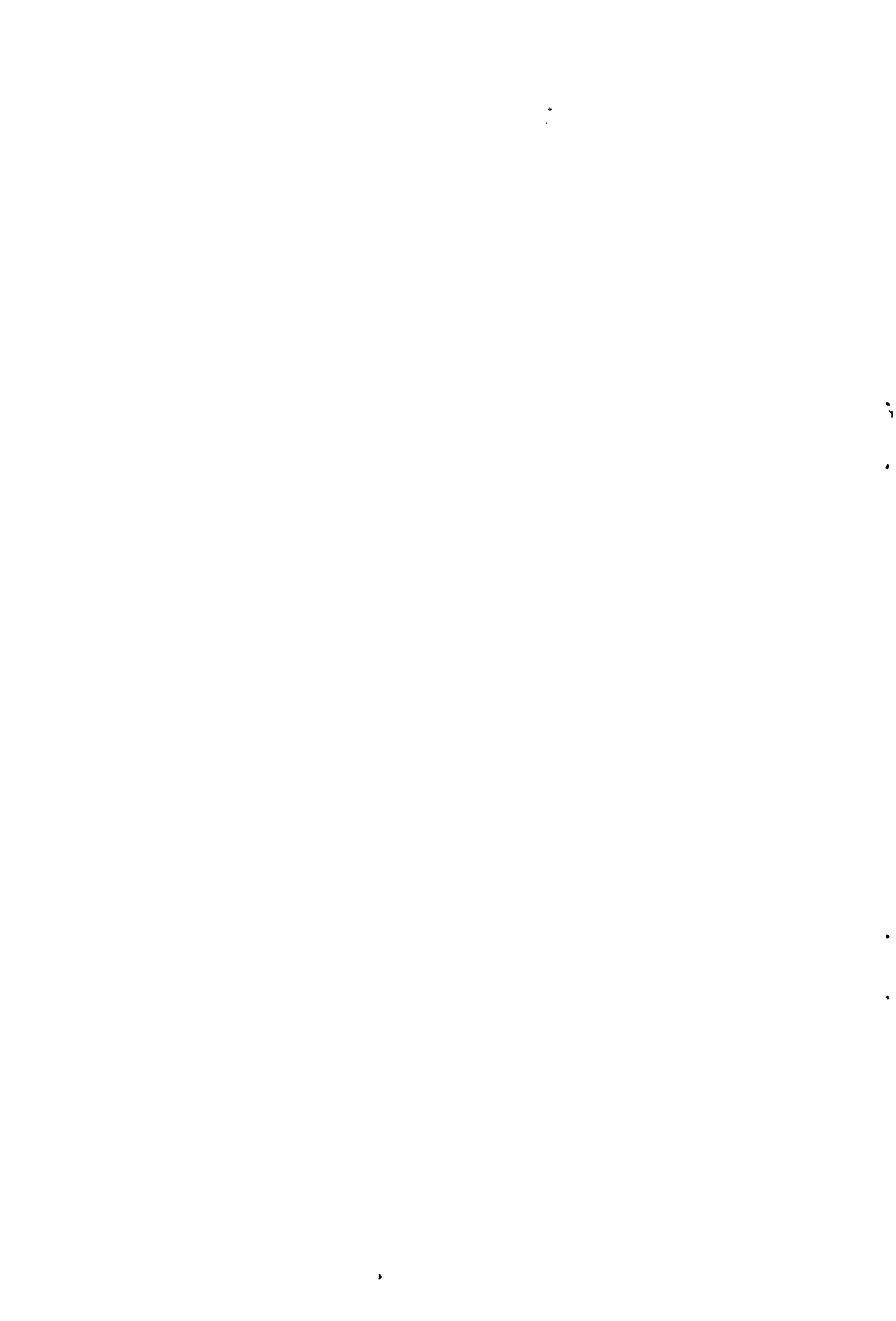
Dear Mr President,

We have pleasure in forwarding to you the text of the recommendations adopted in Ankara on 9 November 1976 by the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee at the end of its 22nd meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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Co-Chairman



22nd MEETING

ANKARA

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee met in Ankara under Mr F. HANSEN, chairman of the European Parliament Delegation, and Mr Kâmrân INAN, chairman of the Delegation from the Turkish Grand National Assembly.

The speakers included Mr BRINKHORST, President-in-Office of the EEC-Turkey Association Council and of the Council of the European Communities and Secretary of State in the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr CAGLATANGIL, the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mr BRUNNER, member of the Commission of the European Communities, and political, economic and social questions of joint interest, in particular the difficulties in EEC-Turkey association relations, were discussed.

The members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee called on the governments responsible to conclude without delay the negotiations on the various outstanding questions within the Association Council. The possible further enlargement of the Community and its probable effects on the EEC-Turkey Association and the situation in the eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean were also discussed.

The Eleventh Annual Report on the activities of the Association Council was also considered, in particular the measures required to strengthen the Association and adapt it to current needs.

On the basis of reports by both delegations, matters connected with the free movement of Turkish workers in the European Community, provided for in the Ankara Agreement and in the Additional Protocol, was also discussed.

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

RECOMMENDATION No. 1

The Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association

- aware of the difficulties now facing the Association and of the political resolve and the decisions needed to overcome them,
  - having regard to the continuing and firm determination of the European Communities actively to develop the Association and to find a rapid solution to the present difficulties,
  - having regard to Turkey's special significance for Europe and the West in that it subscribes to the same democratic ideals,
  - having regard to its Recommendation No. 1 adopted at the XXIst meeting,
1. Regrets that the Association Council meeting which had already been postponed once until 16 October 1976 failed to take place and hopes that it can be held before the end of the current year;
  2. Calls on the governments of the Community States and the Council of the European Communities to take the political decisions needed to proceed with negotiations in the Association Council;
  3. Confirms its adherence to the political orientation and the basic objectives of the Ankara Agreement and is convinced that, in a world which has already seen major changes and is faced by further far-reaching upheavals, these objectives are still valid and are perhaps even more so than in 1963;
  4. Urges the Commission, the Council and the Association Council to take the political decisions and the measures urgently needed for the further development and full implementation of the Ankara Agreement;
  5. Expresses its concern at the continuing tension in the Aegean and eastern Mediterranean and again urges the governments directly concerned to rapidly negotiate a just and fair solution to all the outstanding problems in those areas;
  6. Stresses Turkey's increased political importance particularly as regards any future enlargement of the Community and emphasizes that such enlargement must not interfere with the solution of bilateral problems in the Aegean and eastern Mediterranean.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee,

- having regard to the Eleventh Annual Report on the activities of the Association Council;
- having heard the statements of the President-in-Office of the Association Council, and the representatives of the Turkish Government and the European Communities;
- having regard to the objectives of the Association Agreement, especially as regards more rapid economic growth and a steady improvement in living conditions in Turkey and a harmonious expansion of trade among the partner countries;
- convinced that the principles of the Association embodied in the Agreement must be implemented fully and without restriction;
- hoping that the Association Council will adopt the necessary measures within the Association in parallel with the accession negotiations between the EEC and Greece;
- having regard to its Recommendation No. 2 adopted at the 21st meeting;

As regards the institutional aspects

1. Calls once again upon the Association Council to intensify political consultations on matters of common interest;
2. Notes with satisfaction that use is now being made of the consultation procedure provided for in Article 53 of the Additional Protocol;
3. Hopes that the cooperation provided for in Article 27 of the Ankara Agreement between the Economic and Social Committee and similar bodies in Turkey can start without further delay;
4. Commends the successful work of the European Communities' Press and Information Office in Ankara and urges the Commission to promote further exchange and education programmes with Turkey;

As regards agricultural questions

5. Requests that the commitment of the Community be fulfilled with regard to conceding access facilities to Turkish agricultural products, taking into consideration the competition from the products of third countries and providing the possibility for improvement and diversification of Turkish exports, thus completing the work envisaged in the agricultural reform;

6. Calls for a definite settlement of the agricultural questions within the framework of the Additional Protocol, in view of the possible enlargement of the Community, so that the subject of agricultural concessions no longer constitutes a source of disagreement and dispute among the partners;

As regards trade and economic questions

7. Notes with satisfaction the rapid advances in industrialization made under Turkey's Five Year Development Plans which result, however, in a corresponding growth in Turkey's requirements for capital goods and raw materials;
8. Expresses concern, however, at the exceptionally sharp rise in 1975 in Turkey's balance of payments deficit with the Community;
9. Calls for an increase in trade concessions to Turkey in accordance with the spirit of the Association and the extension of the Association to new cooperation fields, in order to help to cover the deficit in its trade balance;
10. Awaits publication of the report drawn up by a specialist working group on the problems of the disequilibrium of Turkey's trade balance with the Community, together with the decisions of the Association Council with regard to this subject;

As regards financial questions

11. Points out that it has not yet been possible to pay out the 47 million u.a. provided for in the second Financial Protocol because various partner countries have not yet ratified the Supplementary Protocol signed on 30 June 1973;
12. Notes that the sum of 310 million u.a. offered by the Community to Turkey within the framework of financial cooperation is below the amount expected by Turkey;
13. Hopes that the third Financial Protocol will be speedily implemented so that there will be no interruption in financial cooperation in the development of Turkey's economy.



RECOMMENDATION No. 3

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee,

- having regard to the documents of the rapporteurs of the Turkish and Community delegations;
  - having regard to Article 12 of the Ankara Agreement and Article 36 of the Additional Protocol providing for the progressive realization of freedom of movement for workers;
  - underlining the need to support the free movement of workers with effective social security measures and demanding to this end the implementation with a wide interpretation of Article 39 of the Additional Protocol;
  - having regard to the statements by the President-in-Office of the Association Council and representatives of the Turkish Government;
1. Stresses the special significance of freedom of movement for workers and the fact that this is one of the corner-stones of the Association in view of the tasks which Turkey has to carry out during the transitional stage of the Association;
  2. Hopes for the achievement of freedom of movement for the workers in the period from 1 December 1976 to 30 November 1986 by means of a full application of Article 12 of the Ankara Agreement and Article 36 of the Additional Protocol;
  3. Points to the necessity of determining the details of the first stage of freedom of movement, taking into consideration the fact that freedom of movement will be achieved step by step;
  4. Demands that the partners reach an agreement rapidly in order to start the first step on 1 December 1976;
  5. Is aware that freedom of movement must not lead to an uncontrolled mass migration of workers and states that the first step can be accomplished by establishing a central body to monitor supply and demand; and in regard to this considers that Turkish workers must be accorded second priority, as a prerequisite of freedom of movement.

