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Luxembourg, 18 May 1973

EEC-TURKEY JOINT PARLIAMENTARY
COMMITTEE

Mr Cornelis BERKHOUWER
President of the European Parliament
Centre Européen
Kirchberg
Luxembourg

Dear Mr President,

We have pleasure in enclosing herewith, for your information, copies of the text of the Communiqué and the recommendations adopted by the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee at the close of its Fifteenth session held in Strasbourg and Luxembourg from 10 to 14 May 1973.

Yours sincerely,

Ludwig FELLERMAIER
Co-Chairman

Aydin YALCIN
President-in-Office

EEC-TURKEY JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

15th Session

10 to 14 May 1973

in STRASBOURG and LUXEMBOURG

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

The EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee, meeting in Strasbourg and Luxembourg from 10 to 14 May 1973 under the Chairmanship of the chairman-in-office Mr Aydin YALCIN and the joint chairman Mr Ludwig FELLERMAIER,

- having heard Mr Umit Haluk BAYULKEN, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Government and President-in-Office of the EEC-Turkey Association Council, Mr André KEMPINAIRE, Belgian State Secretary for Foreign Trade and President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities, and Mr Claude CHEYSSON, Member of the Commission of the Communities;
- following a wide-ranging discussion based in the main on the 8th Annual Report of the Association Council and on the statements and proposals made by the rapporteurs Sir Tufton Beamish and Mr Ozer OLCMEN;
- having heard a comprehensive statement by the Minister Mr BAYULKEN on the international significance of the Association;

has adopted the following recommendations which have been forwarded to the Association Council, the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the Turkish Government, the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and the European Parliament:

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

on

the inclusion of Turkey among the countries
benefiting from the Community system of
generalized preferences

THE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE,

- Recalling its previous recommendations, in particular those adopted in MARMARIS and CATANIA;

- Stressing that the Association established by the Agreement of Ankara must make it possible to extend to Turkey all facilities which could help to promote its economic development, particularly in the industrial sphere, with a view to its accession to full membership of the European Community at the earliest possible date;
- Regretting that a decision in accordance with the wishes expressed by the parliamentary bodies and the Commission of the Communities has not yet been taken;
- Convinced that the ad hoc measures adopted by the EEC are not entirely adequate to the needs of Turkey, whose exports of certain products could to a certain extent be discriminated against on the markets of the enlarged Community;
- Pointing out that new decisions will have to be taken in the near future with a view to the implementation on 1 January 1974 of the system of generalized preferences of the enlarged Community;

INSISTS once again that Turkey be included as from 1 January 1974 at the latest among the countries benefiting from the system of generalized tariff preferences to be implemented by the enlarged Community.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2

on

the conclusion of the Additional Protocol
necessitated by the enlargement of the
European Community

THE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE,

- regretting that the negotiations in progress since January 1972 to adapt the EEC-Turkey Association to the new situation created by enlargement of the Community have not yet reached a conclusion;
- underlining the disadvantages of this delay, particularly at a time when the enlarged Community, together with its associates, is playing an increasingly important political role in promoting peace and stability throughout the world;

INSISTS that the additional Protocol be concluded as soon as possible;

RECOMMENDS that in anticipation of ratification of this Protocol its trade provisions should be implemented without delay.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

on

the 8th Annual Report of the Association Council

THE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

- having noted the 8th Annual Report of the EEC-Turkey Association Council submitted to it by the President-in-Office Mr Umit Haluk BAYULKEN, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government and the Republic of Turkey,
- welcoming the entry into force of the Protocol, the second financial Protocol and the other documents signed on 23 November 1970;

I. Functioning of the Association

1. Notes with approval the satisfactory institutional functioning of the Association;
2. Attaches great importance to the intensification of contacts between the Grand National Assembly of Turkey and the European Parliament between the sessions of the Joint Parliamentary Committee;
3. Hopes that the annual report of the Association Council will in future include an introduction underlining the political aspects of the Association and its development prospects;

II. Trade

4. Notes with satisfaction that trade between the Community and Turkey has increased considerably but regrets that in spite of this the Turkish balance of trade deficit with respect to the Community has worsened;
5. Insists on the need for greater efforts to intensify the promotion of sales of Turkish products on Community markets;
6. Hopes that in view of Turkey's policy of industrialization the greatest possible consideration will be given to Turkish requests for flexible application of the additional Protocol and for a revision of some of its provisions;

III. Financial questions

7. Welcomes the fact that most of the 43 projects financed on the basis of the financial Protocol of 1963 are already in operation or in the process of completion;
8. Hopes that cooperation between the Community and Turkey will continue to evolve;

IV. Turkish workers employed in the Community

9. Regrets that the problems of Turkish labour employed in Community countries were not mentioned in the Association Council's report;
10. Points out in this connection that as from 1 January 1973 the Association Council has been empowered to take specific decisions in this field;
11. Stresses that, notwithstanding the concerted action already taken in this field, it is highly desirable for the Association Council at ministerial level to help to work out a coordinated system of measures for dealing with the problems of Turkish workers, particularly in the light of Title II of the additional Protocol;

V. Future of the Association

12. Emphasizes particularly the political substance of the Agreement of Association between the Community and Turkey and the special ties uniting the two Parties with a view to Turkey's ultimate accession to the Community;
13. Draws attention to the importance of relations between Turkey and the Community in the context of the problems of stability and of economic, commercial and political balance in the world;
14. Notes the importance of the EEC-Turkey Association particularly as regards Community policy in the Mediterranean and Middle East, and in its relations with the Comecon countries.
15. Reaffirms that the Community and Turkey - on the basis of the principles governing the Association - are resolved to work together towards a stronger European unity.