EC/Turkey relations: implementation of measures to promote economic and social development

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This document constitutes an amendment to the original proposal of the Commission relating to a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding the implementation of measures to promote economic and social development in Turkey. The European Parliament adopted three amendments to the common position at second reading and the Commission accepts the three amendments which relate to the following: - the exclusion of the development of nuclear power from the scope of the Regulation; - support for measures seeking to abolish capital punishment to the list of indicative areas for action; - acknowledgement of the Kurdish problem. In conclusion, the Commission draws the Council's attention to the need to change the reference period for financial assistance in the draft regulation as the earliest date for its adoption is in the last quarter of the year 2000. The Commission will therefore not be able to commit the funds in 2000. For that reason, the financial reference reflecting the legislative authority's wishes should be EUR 135 million for the period 2001-2003.