EC/Turkey relations: special financial cooperation measures

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The Committee adopted the report by Mr Konrad SCHWAIGER (EPP, D) which examined the implementation of a special financial cooperation measure for Turkey. This draft decision follows on from the consultation procedure introduced in accordance with the interinstitutional declaration of 1975. The REX Committee noted the result of the conciliation process and, while expressing its reservations, called for some aspects of it to be continued. The REX Committee mainly looked to the Council to: - give rulings based on a qualified majority in cases involving violations of human rights, - formally consult Parliament on matters of this kind. The rapporteur welcomed the outcome of the vote and, referring to the impending Council decision on the MEDA programme (providing, where necessary, for a majority decision by the Council in cases involving violations of human rights), stated that "any suspension of aid should reflect the decision which would be taken, should the need arise, under the MEDA programme ... We expect the Council to do everything necessary to see that the same applies within the framework of the financial measure for Turkey...". The Chaiman, Mr DE CLERCQ, expressed his satisfaction at the maintenance of the legal basis (article 235 of the EC Treaty) and at the confirmation of the EP delegation's position on conciliation. "Reconciliation with the Council is real", he concluded, "but is still insufficient".