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Key events

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26/07/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0389	Summary
18/09/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/11/1995	Modified legislative proposal published	11070/1995	Summary
11/12/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
11/12/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0324/1995	
13/12/1995	Debate in Parliament		
12/02/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
12/02/1996	Committee interim report tabled for plenary	A4-0032/1996	
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European Parliament

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1995/0213(CNS) - 26/07/1995 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: Implementation of a special financial cooperation measure for Turkey, as part of the final phase of establishing the customs union, in the form of aid to strengthen the country's economic and social structures. SUBSTANCE: With a financial envelope of ECU 375 million over five years (1996-2000), this special aid has the following objectives: . support to strengthen the capacity and competitiveness of the Turkish economy: the measures envisaged involve: - strengthening the Turkish public sector and improving infrastructures, - promoting the development of the private sector and job creation, - promoting European private investment (particularly in SMEs); . support to strengthen democracy, develop human resources and preserve the environment: the measures involve: - improving the efficiency of services and local public administrations, - promoting knowledge and the practice of respect for human rights, - promoting civic training and the participation of civil society together with the role of women in development, - promoting education and vocational training, - improving social services, particularly to the advantage of the underprivileged, - protecting the environment; . support for cooperation between the EU and Turkey in the following areas: trans-European networks, transport, telecommunications, agriculture, the environment, R&D, statistical cooperation, consumer issues, structural cooperation, combating illegal immigration, drug trafficking and organised crime, information, communication and audiovisual measures, and databases; . cross-border regional cooperation as regards: - establishing and strengthening regional cooperation structures with other countries in the region which have concluded association or cooperation agreements with the Union, - improving the infrastructures required for the development of regional and crossbred trade. In implementing the various measures, particular attention is to be given to the participation of associations, cooperatives, etc. and any non-governmental organisations. The measures take the form of technical assistance together with assistance for training and for the development of institutions, etc., on the basis of a multiannual programme lasting three years. Decentralised cooperation is encouraged. - Financing takes the form of non-refundable aid and risk capital. Additional subsidised loans from the EIB are also envisaged (particularly for projects concerning the environment), it being understood that the non-refundable aid and subsidisation of interest (in other words, the ECU 375 million) are financed from the Community budget, whilst the loans are granted directly by the EIB from its own resources (provided that the subsidisation of interest linked to the loan, granted by the Community in its budget, is agreed). - In managing this financial assistance, the Commission is assisted by the MED Committee, which is already established. For financial measures forming part of the EIB loans, the Bank puts forward a set of draft measures to the Committee, which gives a ruling by qualified majority.

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1995/0213(CNS) - 15/02/1996 - Interim resolution adopted by Parliament

In adopting the report by Mr Konrad SCHWAIGER (PPE, D), Parliament urged the Council, as Parliament's delegation had done, to alter its position on majority voting within the Council in the event of a human rights violation being observed and on formal consultation of the European Parliament by the Council on this matter. It also called for continuation of the conciliation procedure over the adoption of the Council regulation regarding the implementation of a special financial cooperation measure for Turkey.

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1995/0213(CNS) - 13/12/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr SCHWAIGER (PPE, D), the European Parliament approved this proposal for a regulation with the following amendments: - the Regulation is based on the observance of democratic principles, human rights and international law; - should an essential condition for the granting of assistance not be met, whether in the programme as a whole or in a particular sector (violations of human rights, but also denial of the right of

democratic expression to minorities) the Council, after consulting the EP, may decide to take measures relating to financial aid; - among the operations to be developed, Parliament stresses those aimed at the promotion of democracy and the rule of law and the right of democratic expression of minorities; - with regard to complementarity, Parliament calls for synergy to be ensured between the assistance provided to Turkey by this regulation and that provided under MEDA; - Parliament also amends the commitology procedure provided by the Commission; - it asks to be kept regularly informed about the implementation of this regulation, with particular reference to the observance of democratic principles and human rights in that country.

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1995/0213(CNS) - 29/11/1995 - Modified legislative proposal

In its joint guideline, the Council had made substantial amendments to the text of the Commission's basic proposal, relating primarily to the following points: - addition in the body of the text of the reference amount for the implementation of the financial aid to Turkey (ECU 375 million for the duration of the cooperation). In a declaration annexed to the Regulation, the Council and Commission declared that this amount would be taken from the total budget of ECU 4 685 million allocated by the Council meeting in Cannes to the Mediterranean States, irrespective of the fact that Turkey would be a beneficiary of the future MEDA programme. - The purpose of the aid was not only to help to bolster the economic and social structures of Turkey but also to improve its economic competitiveness. - In the event of a finding that democratic principles and basic human rights were being violated in Turkey, the Council would take the appropriate measures acting unanimously (and not by qualified majority), and would do so without prior consultation of the European Parliament. These measures would be adopted for a limited period that could only be extended by a unanimous vote. - With regard to the objectives of aid, amendments had been made to the type of projects to be implemented: the Council had added, among others, cooperation between customs officials, assistance to professional associations, trade unions and the media in the interests of promoting democracy, and cooperative projects relating to political initiatives of common interest. By contrast, projects relating to the promotion of education and vocational training, training for life in society and the role of women in development, together with projects in the fields of research and development, statistical cooperation, consumer affairs, the campaign against illegal immigration, etc., and information and projects relating to the reinforcement of structures for cooperation with countries in the region associated with the Union had been deleted. A new paragraph had, however, been added on the implementation of projects to support a programme of structural adjustment in Turkey. - Clarifications had been made to the criteria for eligibility for aid: . Turkey must undertake a reform programme approved by the Bretton Woods institutions, . account must be taken of the economic situation of the country, and particularly its level of indebtedness, its monetary situation, and the levels of GDP and unemployment; - clarifications had been made to several aid-specific points, relating in particular to: . the form of technical assistance and, in particular, of risk capital allocated by the EIB (in an attached Council/Commission declaration, it was specified that the rate of interest payments was currently fixed at 3%), . the presentation and selection of projects which, in the first year, would be the subject of a specific procedure, . the fact that this assistance would be complementary to other activities conducted in particular by the Member States (information would be exchanged in this area), . the maximum rate of Community funding: only exceptionally would this be as much as 80% of the total investment cost, and then only in the manufacturing sector, . the opening of markets to third countries: they were currently still open only to Turkey and the Member States of the Community (and no longer to Mediterranean third countries). Finally, the following appeared as annexes to the Regulation: . a draft resolution by the EC-Turkey Association Council relating to political dialogue and institutional cooperation (with the types of meetings to be considered), . the findings of the EC-Turkey Association Committee, dated 23 October 1995, to the effect that the technical conditions necessary for the proper functioning of customs union were satisfied.