

Basic information	
<b>2004/2215(INI)</b> INI - Own-initiative procedure Role of women in Turkey in social, economic and political activities <b>Subject</b> 4.10.09 Women condition and rights <b>Geographical area</b> Türkiye	Procedure completed

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>FEMM</b> Women's Rights and Gender Equality		BOZKURT Emine (PSE)	14/10/2004
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/11/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/05/2005	Vote in committee		Summary
02/06/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary		
10/06/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0175/2005	
05/07/2005	Debate in Parliament		
06/07/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0287/2005	Summary
06/07/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
06/07/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2004/2215(INI)
<b>Procedure type</b>	INI - Own-initiative procedure

<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Initiative
<b>Legal basis</b>	Rules of Procedure EP 55
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	FEMM/6/24508

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE357.842</a>	03/05/2005	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A6-0175/2005</a>	10/06/2005	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T6-0287/2005</a> OJ C 157 06.07.2006, p. 0098-0385 E	06/07/2005	<a href="#">Summary</a>

## Role of women in Turkey in social, economic and political activities

2004/2215(INI) - 06/07/2005 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report drafted by Emine **BOZKURT** (PES, NL) on the role of women in Turkey in social, economic and political activities. (Please see the summary of 26/05/2005.) The resolution was adopted by 573 votes to 19, with 32 abstentions.

Women's rights and gender equality are embedded in the Community's basic principles and in much legislation which Turkey has to accept if it is to join the EU. Members emphasised that Turkey's progress in the field of legislation now needs to be implemented in practice.

Parliament acknowledged the positive role played by civil society in accomplishing the recent legislative reforms and recognised that, for democratic changes to be realised, information and mobilisation of the whole political class, civil society, religious communities and the media is needed. The Commission, and the Turkish government, must acknowledge the role of women's rights organisations as partners of the government and support them and provide them with sufficient funding and to ensure their independence, in line with European Union practice.

Among other concerns is the involvement of Turkish women in politics, which remains weak - only 4.4% of members of parliament are women and around 1% of representatives at local level. Parliament suggests that the political parties should review their party structures and adopt adequate strategies to reach a better balance of women and men in elected assemblies, including positive measures such as quotas.

The protection of women's rights is still insufficient in practice, especially as regards violence against women. Parliament urged the government to direct more attention to the implementation of legislation, among other things by urgently setting up shelters, supporting initiatives by civil society and providing adequate funds from national and municipal budgets for both government and NGO shelters, as well as mandatory gender- and violence-sensitivity training for public administrators, the police, the judiciary and health and educational personnel.

Parliament condemned instances of polygamy, forced marriage, crimes of tradition, honour crimes and violence against women in general, including sexual harassment at work. It asked the government to seek ways to prevent these crimes, to punish crimes of custom and crimes of honour equally severely and to participate in and organise campaigns for raising public awareness of these issues and to support NGOs' campaigns on these issues financially.