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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PORCU and Mr PISTILLO  
on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group  
pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the /political situation in Turkey

### The European Parliament

- having regard to the proceedings instituted against the editor of the Turkish magazine URUN, Mr TASTAN, for an offence of opinion, following publication in this magazine of the programme of the Turkish Communist Party which is still banned,
  - having regard to the relations of friendship and cooperation linking Turkey and the EEC,
1. Notes that trials such as that of Mr TASTAN are based on legislation which is contrary not only to the European Convention on Human Rights but also to the Helsinki agreements which were signed by Turkey;
  2. Regrets to note that this trial is a serious infringement of the most fundamental political freedoms and therefore requests that it be suspended;
  3. Hopes that the Turkish people's advance towards progress and democracy will soon result in the lifting of martial law, the extension of democratic freedoms to all political forces, and respect for the full individual rights of all citizens;
  4. Is disturbed by the increasing number of Fascist attacks which constitute a serious threat to freedoms and democracy, but welcomes the growing condemnation of these attacks in Turkey itself;
  5. Reaffirms its support for the Turkish people in their fight for the extension of democratic freedoms which are an essential element of progress;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities and to the Government of the Turkish Republic.