

Procedure file

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Turkey: assistance in the pre-accession strategy , accession partnership		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense		07/11/2000
		PSE SWOBODA Hannes	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		14/09/2000
		PSE KUCKELKORN Wilfried	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
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Key events			
26/07/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0502	Summary
02/10/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/12/2000	Debate in Council	2316	
23/01/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
23/01/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0024/2001	
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26/02/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Document attached to the procedure	COM(2000)0714	08/11/2000	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0024/2001	23/01/2001	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T5-0082/2001 OJ C 276 01.10.2001, p. 0054-0152	14/02/2001	EP	Summary
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Additional information

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Final act

Regulation 2001/390 OJ L 058 28.02.2001, p. 0001 Summary

Turkey: assistance in the pre-accession strategy , accession partnership

PURPOSE : to present a proposal for a Council Regulation on assistance to Turkey in the framework of the pre-accession strategy, and in particular on the establishment of an Accession Partnership. **CONTENT** : this proposal establishes the legal base to draw up an Accession partnership for Turkey and define a single framework for co-ordinating all sources of EU financial assistance to Turkey for pre-accession. Turkey is a candidate State destined to join the Union on the basis of the same criteria as applied to the other candidates. It will benefit from a pre-accession strategy. This will include enhanced political dialogue, with emphasis on progressing towards fulfilling the political criteria with particular reference to the issue of human rights as well as border disputes and Cyprus. With the other candidate countries, the Council, on a proposal from the Commission, followed a two-step process - first it adopted a framework legal basis by unanimity - this sets up the accession partnership and provides that the priorities will be adopted by qualified majority. For the countries of Central and Eastern Europe this is done in a special framework regulation which has no financial implications. For Turkey, the same approach is proposed, i.e. to adopt a draft regulation for Turkey modelled on the regulation for the ten Central and Eastern European candidate countries. As stated, the proposed framework regulation has no financial implications. It states that under the pre-accession strategy for Turkey, the Community assistance shall be the assistance provided for in the programmes adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty, namely the share of Turkey in the Meda programme as well as the financial assistance laid down in the two regulations to accompany financially the European strategy. One regulation namely regarding the implementation of measures to intensify the EC-Turkey Customs Union has been adopted. The other regulation

regarding the implementation of measures to promote economic and social development in Turkey is still pending under the co-decision procedure.?

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This text lays down the principles, priorities, intermediate objectives and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with Turkey. The European Council which met in Helsinki on 10 and 11 December 1999 endorsed the Commission's Regular Report on Turkey as well as its recommendations of the composite paper (Reports on progress towards accession by each of the candidate countries). The Helsinki conclusions stated that Turkey will benefit from a pre-accession strategy which will include enhanced political dialogue, with emphasis on progressing towards fulfilling the political criteria for accession with particular reference to the issue of human rights as well as border disputes and Cyprus. It also stated that Turkey will have the opportunity to participate in Community programmes and agencies and in meetings between candidate States and the Union in the context of the accession process. Furthermore, a single framework for coordinating all sources of EU financial assistance by the Commission was adopted on 26 July 2000. This proposal establishes the legal base to draw up an Accession Partnership for Turkey. It is still under consideration by the other institutions. The Accession Partnership (AP) identifies short and medium term priorities, intermediate objectives and conditions on which accession preparations must concentrate in the light of the political and economic criteria and the obligations of a Member State to adopt, to implement and enforce the Community acquis. Equally, appropriate monitoring mechanisms will be established. For that purpose, in total eight subcommittees under the Association Committee have been created. The Accession Partnership is the centrepiece of the pre-accession strategy. The present proposal is the first Accession Partnership for Turkey and is part of the Commission's overall evaluation for 2000 regarding the progress candidate countries towards EU membership. It is drawn on the analysis of the Regular Report 2000 for Turkey. It is expected that Turkey, on the basis of this Accession Partnership, adopts before the end of the year a National Programme for the adoption of the acquis. Future financial cooperation with Turkey will be based in the priorities of the Accession Partnership.?

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The committee adopted the report by Hannes SWOBODA (PES, A) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure. It called for Turkey to be included in two financial instruments, the pre-accession structural instrument (ISPA) and the special accession programme for agriculture and rural development (SAPARD). This aid would help to restructure Turkey's farming sector, improve the rural environment and the country's infrastructure and protect the environment. The committee felt that including Turkey in these instruments would help ensure that all the applicant countries were treated equally. It also wanted Turkey's status as an equal candidate for accession to be made clear by ensuring that the corresponding pre-accession aid was channelled through the relevant heading of the financial perspective (Heading 7). The report said that preserving parallel financing structures was likely to result in unnecessary duplication. It therefore called for the financial instruments (Phare, Ispa and Sapard) to be unified and said that the administrative committees of the three financial instruments should be merged within six months of the regulation's adoption, with the three instruments themselves being unified as a single pre-accession strategy instrument within one year. In addition, the Commission was asked to re-assess the budgetary resources needed. Lastly, the committee wanted to ensure that Parliament was properly consulted on the Accession Partnership.?

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Hannes SWOBODA (PES, A) covering assistance to Turkey in the framework of the pre-accession strategy, and in particular the establishment of an accession partnership. (Please refer to the previous document). ?

Turkey: assistance in the pre-accession strategy , accession partnership

PURPOSE : to establish an Accession Partnership for Turkey. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Council Regulation 390/2001/EC on assistance to Turkey in the Framework of the pre-accession strategy, and in particular on the establishment of an Accession Partnership. **CONTENT :** this Regulation provides a single financial framework for assistance to Turkey, as well as for an Accession Partnership. The Partnership, and in particular its immediate objectives, should assist Turkey in preparing for membership within a framework of economic and social convergence and in developing its national programme for the taking up of the acquis as well as a relevant timetable for its implementation. It is essential to manage the available financial resources carefully and in line with the priorities arising out of the Accession Partnership for Turkey and the Commission regular reports. Overall, this Regulation provides that as part of the European Union's pre-accession strategy for Turkey, an Accession Partnership shall be established for Turkey. The Accession Partnership shall provide a single framework covering : - the priorities, as defined in the analysis of the situation in Turkey, on which preparations for accession must concentrate in view of the political and economic criteria and the obligations incumbent upon a Member States of the European Union as defined by the European Council; - the financial resources for assisting Turkey to implement the priorities identified during the pre-accession period. Acting on a proposal from the Commission, the Council shall decide by qualified majority on the principles, priorities, intermediate objectives and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership, as it will be submitted to Turkey, as well as on subsequent significant adjustments applicable to it. This Regulation shall have no financial implications. Under the pre-accession strategy, the Community assistance shall be the assistance provided for in the programmes adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty. On the basis of the decisions taken by the Council pursuant to Article 2, the programming of the financial resources granted in the framework of the Accession Partnership shall be established in accordance with the procedures set out in the Regulation relating to the corresponding financial instruments or programmes. **ENTRY INTO FORCE :** 03/03/2001.?