



Order 397 (1981)¹

Situation in Turkey

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having taken cognisance of its President's report on his talks with the Turkish leaders in Ankara on 12, 13 and 14 April 1981 ;
2. Having been informed about the visits to Ankara and Istanbul by various parliamentary delegations ;
3. Reiterating its concern as regards Turkey's return to democratic rule in accordance with the Council of Europe's Statute,
4. Hopes that definite decisions will shortly be announced with a view to the re-establishment of democratic institutions in accordance with the assurances given to the President of the Assembly by the Turkish Head of State ;
5. Trusts that an improvement in the domestic situation and the subsidence of terrorism will be accompanied by the progressive restoration of the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights, following the restriction or suspension thereof under Article 15 of the convention ;
6. Stresses in particular the absolute necessity to suppress all practices of torture and of ill-treatment of prisoners and the need to speed up independent judicial procedures and to reduce the ninety-day rule for provisional detention ;
7. Instructs its Political Affairs Committee to keep developments in Turkey under close review, particularly as regards respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and preparations for a return to democracy, and to report back by its next part-session ;
8. Instructs its Legal Affairs Committee to examine more particularly the legal aspects of the current situation in Turkey in conjunction with the Political Affairs Committee ;
9. Decides to consider the matter further at the second part of its 33rd Session and envisages the possibility of making further recommendations to the Committee of Ministers at the third part of that session, in January 1982, particularly in the light of the draft Turkish Constitution and actual progress towards the re-establishment of democratic institutions.

1. Assembly debate on 13 and 14 May 1981 (4th, 5th and 6th Sittings) (see [Doc. 4723](#), motion for an order). Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 26 March 1981.

