



Recommendation 594 (1970)¹

Development of modern language teaching in Turkey

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling that its [Recommendation 535 \(1968\)](#) and [Resolution 379 \(1968\)](#) on the promotion of modern language teaching in Europe, and the recommendation of the Council for Cultural Co-operation (CCC) on the same subject, have been supported by the adoption of [Resolution \(69\) 2](#) of the Committee of Ministers ;
2. Considering that the efforts required in Europe in promoting modern language teaching should be primarily directed to countries which are less fortunate in this respect;
3. Taking account of the information supplied by the competent Turkish authorities on the occasion of the visit to Turkey in July 1968 of the Committee on Culture and Education, and taking account of the memoranda subsequently presented by the Turkish Education Board ;
4. Noting the satisfactory results of the pilot project of the Council for Cultural Cooperation for the training of 100 Turkish teachers, and noting also the arrangements already made by the CCC in the spirit of this recommendation;
5. Welcoming the creation in Ankara of a Modern Language Teaching Centre and being anxious that this Centre should receive the support of the member states of the Council of Europe ;
6. Being of the opinion, however, that it is desirable to proceed beyond the experimental stage and embark upon a programme of multilateral and bilateral action in depth, with the aim of providing Turkey with assistance more adequate to the urgent and pressing needs of that country in the field of modern language teaching;
7. Considering, moreover, that modern language teaching, in the framework both of traditional schooling and of out-of-school education, is a determining factor in the economic, social and cultural development of Turkey, and consequently in her prospects of further and easier integration in the community of member states of the Council of Europe,
8. Recommends that the Committee of Ministers :
 - a. adopt a Council of Europe plan for the development of modern languages in Turkey which should, in particular, be synchronised with the Turkish five-year plan, and which would have as its principal elements :
 - the creation of modern teaching facilities ;
 - the renewal of modern language teaching methods ;
 - the introduction of audio-visual aids in the teaching of modern languages;
 - the modernisation of modern language teacher training;
 - the in-service training and further training of modern language teachers ;
 - b. instruct the CCC and its standing committees to draw up and implement such a plan ;

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- c. invite the governments of the member states to intensify their bilateral cooperation with Turkey in the field of modern language teaching, in particular by sending experts and awarding grants to teachers, and also to administrators responsible for the implementation of the plan, who, on their return, may contribute to an increase in the number of teacher training.