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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs
and Employment

on visa requirements for Turkish workers

Rapporteur: Mr J. van MINNEN

By letter of 7 May 1982 the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment requested authorization to draw up a report on visa requirements for Turkish workers.

At its meeting of 16 June 1982 the Bureau of the European Parliament authorized the said committee to draw up a report on this subject.

On 30 April 1982 the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment appointed Mr J. van MINNEN rapporteur.

It considered the draft report at its meetings of 30 April 1982 and 28 May 1982 and approved the motion for a resolution by nine votes to one.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Papaefstratiou, chairman; Mr van Minnen, rapporteur; Mr Boyes, Mr Chanterie, Mr Eisma, Mrs Maij-Weggen, Mr Michel (deputizing for Mr Ghergo), Mr Patterson, Mrs Salisch and Mr Vandewiele (deputizing for Mr McCartin).

The rapporteur will make an oral explanatory statement to the House.

The Committee on Social Affairs and Employment hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on visa requirements for Turkish workers

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report by the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 1-387/82);
- A. whereas some Member States have introduced visa requirements for all Turkish nationals;
- B. whereas these visa regulations also apply to Turkish workers in possession of work and residence permits for another Member State;
- C. whereas such Turkish workers are only in transit, e.g. through the Federal Republic of Germany, for the purpose of visiting their families in their native country;
- D. concerned that the application of these visa regulations to Turkish workers with work and residence permits for another Member State creates an unreasonable hindrance to family visits home;
- E. having regard to the practice of the Federal Republic of Germany which requires such travellers to obtain a visa for every journey into or through that country;
- F. having regard to the arrangements in the Benelux countries which issue these workers with a one-year visa free of charge;

1. Notes that visa arrangements which grant Turkish workers in possession of work and residence permits for another Member State a one-year visa free of charge do not conflict with the intentions on the basis of which some Member States have introduced visa requirements;
2. Calls therefore on the Member States involved to grant Turkish workers in possession of a work and residence permit for another Member State a one-year visa free of charge;
3. Instructs its Committee on Social Affairs and Employment to draw up a report on restrictions on foreign workers who need to travel through a different Member State to visit their native country or who live in frontier regions;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of Ministers and the Commission.