

TEXT OF PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN
ATHENS-GREECE ON JUNE 4, 1986
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In the 38th Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, held on April 21-25, 1986, the Committee of Ministers has approved the chairmanship of Turkey of the session to be started in November 1986. The decision was taken with 14 votes in favour (G.Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Austria and Turkey) against 6 opposing (Greece, Norway, Cyprus, Denmark, Luxembourg, Malta) and 1 abstaining (Sweden) votes.

The decision which was regarded as "the victory of those who believe in democracy in Turkey" by the officials of the existing fascist regime, after long years of suspension of relations between the Council of Europe and Turkey after the 12 September 1980 military coup, was widely protested by the democratic forces of Turkey and by the world democratic public opinion.

Democracy is not restored in Turkey and will not be restored unless the fascist dictatorship is overthrown.