

## **2271. Council - GENERAL AFFAIRS**

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### **Turkey**

The Council adopted a Common position with a view to the adoption of a Regulation regarding the implementation of measures to promote economic and social development in Turkey.

It is recalled that the Cardiff European Council on 15 and 16 June 1998 affirmed the importance it attached to the implementation of the European strategy for Turkey and requested the Commission to table proposals, including proposals on financial matters, in that connection.

The projects and programmes to be financed with the support provided by the present Regulation must further Turkey's economic and social development, help to promote the defence of human rights and respect for, and the protection of, the country's minorities, contribute to the reform of its development policies and the restructuring of its institutional and legal framework in order to ensure compliance with these principles.

The Regulation establishes a financial framework for the implementation of this programme for the period 2000-2002 of 135 MEURO.