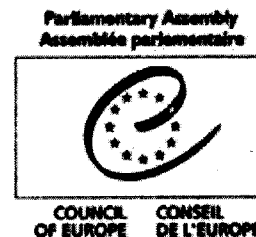


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Joint study of the events of World War I in the Ottoman Empire

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The Turkish and the Armenian people have shared a common history and geography for centuries.

The First World War, as in other parts of Europe, was a dark period with tragic consequences for the peoples of the Ottoman Empire, including Turks and Armenians. They suffered huge losses due to war, inter-communal fighting, massacres, diseases and famine.

Ninety years after these events, the two peoples have diverging interpretations of this historical period which hamper the development of relations between Turkey and Armenia.

To transcend the heavy legacy of the past, we call on Turkey and Armenia to undertake a joint study of the events of the First World War in the Ottoman Empire, using the historical material available in all national archives. We welcome and support the recent proposal of the Prime Minister Erdogan of Turkey to President Kocharyan of Armenia to this effect.

We call on President Kocharyan to respond positively to this proposal, which, we hope, will pave the way to the normalisation of relations between the two countries.

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EDG European Democratic Group
UEL Group of the Unified European Left
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