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Turkey’s relationship with EU started in 1963 with the signing of an association agreement with the European Economic Community. In 1987, Turkey applied for formal membership in EU. In 1999 Turkey recognized as a candidate by EU members and discussions began in 2005. As one of the founder members of EU we do not support accession of Turkey to the EU due to Turkey’s discrepancy on EU criterias. Although Turkey called as a “republic”, it is obvious that they don’t manage the country as an identity of a republic hundred percent. Killers have the ability of abandone or decrease their penalties by using their connections such as their families or friends. Law system is less powerful than people’s connections, it doesn’t commit democratically. LGBT pride parades prohibited in Turkey in 2015 and 2016, Istanbul Contract abandoned, women murder rates are really high, there is a huge inequality in most of the areas between men and women. Besides, even though statement of Turkey’s secularity in Turkey’s constitution government have a servant as the director of the Religious Affairs Directorate. Turkey’s high and increasing population would be a threat for the future of EU owing to 2 main reasons. First reason is, Turkey’s economic problems. Turkish economy experience a economic crisis in every 10 years with a routine. Almost 4 million people is unemployed, the rate of the enflation is more than 150% and the country is getting addicted to other countries as a result of layoff in Turkish industry. In other hand, Turkey has a lot of problems with the members of EU. For example Mediterrian Sea, Ermenian Genocide, Invading of Cyprus etc. Those problems and discussion would appear a tension between members in the possibility of Turkey’s accession to the EU.

France is one of the founder members of EU and as France, we’ve always opposed to accession of Turkey to the EU. Turkey’s Asian culture, political factors, geographical factors shows us Turkey is not a appropriate country for EU. Our one of the old presidents ,Nicolas Sarkozy, stated that “Turkey is Asia Minor” and “Europe has ‘natural borders’ which include the Balkans, but exclude Turkey.” Furthermore, French politicians are opposed to accession fo Turkey to the EU through the location of Ankara and distribution the population in Asian and European parts of Turkey.

In short, we are highly against of accession of Turkey to the union because of Turkey’s discrepancy to our criterias, high population, layoff economy, Asian culture, political relationship with EU members and geography. Geographical factors are not that important as the accession of Cyprus. However, Cyprus and EU countries are similar to each other. Turkey is totally different with the union countries. In the possibility of solving all of the problems of Turkey like economically, juridic, inequality and political (external and internal); Turkey wouldn’t be an appropriate country for our union since their culture, social structure and the most importantly unfamiliarity with the current EU members.

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