

Turkey's Empty Threats

Turkey continues to threaten America with economic retaliation if the Congress speaks honestly about the Armenian Genocide. The historical record, however, shows that these threats are hollow:

According to Census data, U.S. trade with Turkey increased by more than 10 times since Ronald Reagan, on April 22, 1981, cited the Armenian Genocide in a Presidential proclamation.

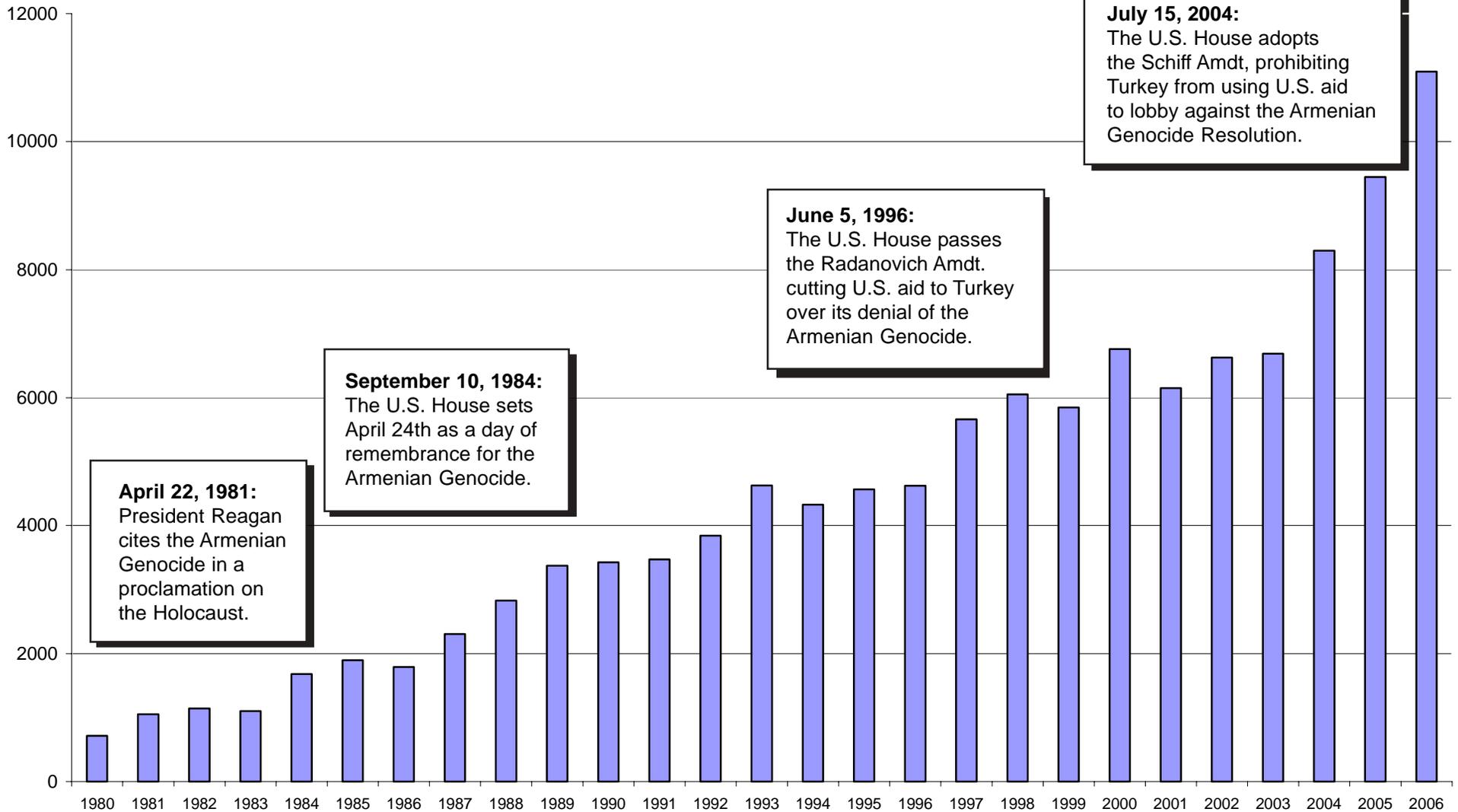
This chart tracks the increase in bilateral trade between Turkey and other countries following their recognition of the Armenian Genocide.

Post-Armenian Genocide Recognition Bilateral Trade with Turkey		
	Armenian Genocide recognition	Trade with Turkey since recognition
Belgium	March 26, 1998	+167%
Canada	April 21, 2004	+22%
France	January 29, 2001	+135%
Greece	April 25, 1996	+266%
Italy	November 17, 2000	+109%
Lebanon	May 11, 2000	+126%
Netherlands	December 21, 2004	+24%
Russia	April 14, 1995	+351%
Sweden	March 29, 2000	+48%
Switzerland	December 16, 2003	+32%
Slovakia	November 30, 2004	+46%
Uruguay	March 26, 2004	+85%

U.S.-Turkey Trade

(millions of dollars)

+957%
since 1981 Presidential Proclamation



April 22, 1981:
President Reagan cites the Armenian Genocide in a proclamation on the Holocaust.

September 10, 1984:
The U.S. House sets April 24th as a day of remembrance for the Armenian Genocide.

June 5, 1996:
The U.S. House passes the Radanovich Amdt. cutting U.S. aid to Turkey over its denial of the Armenian Genocide.

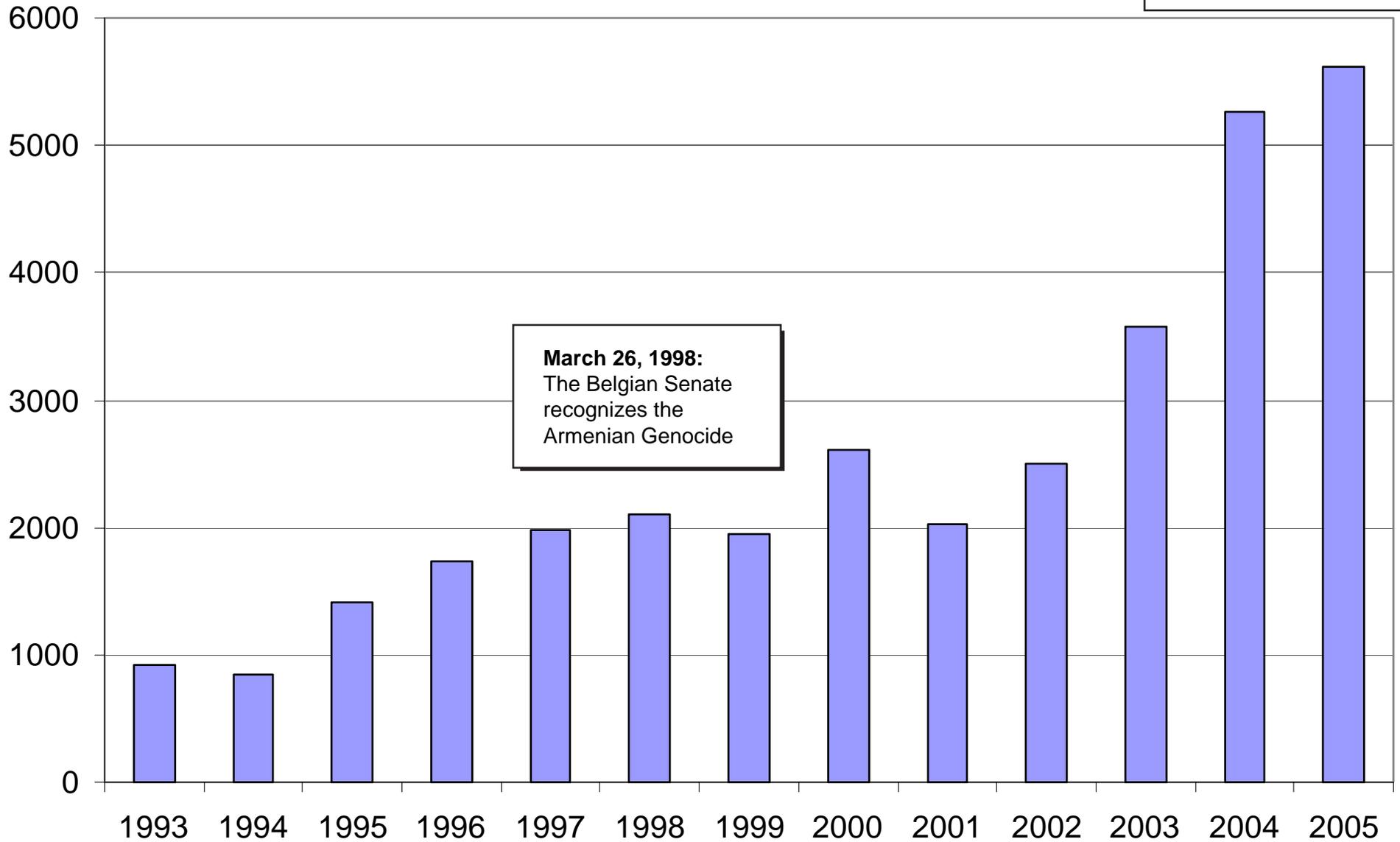
July 15, 2004:
The U.S. House adopts the Schiff Amdt, prohibiting Turkey from using U.S. aid to lobby against the Armenian Genocide Resolution.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Statistical Abstract of the United States* (1970-2006). Washington, D.C. - Trade in goods and services.
http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/past_years.html

Belgium-Turkey Trade

(millions of dollars)

+167%
since Armenian
Genocide recognition



Canada-Turkey Trade

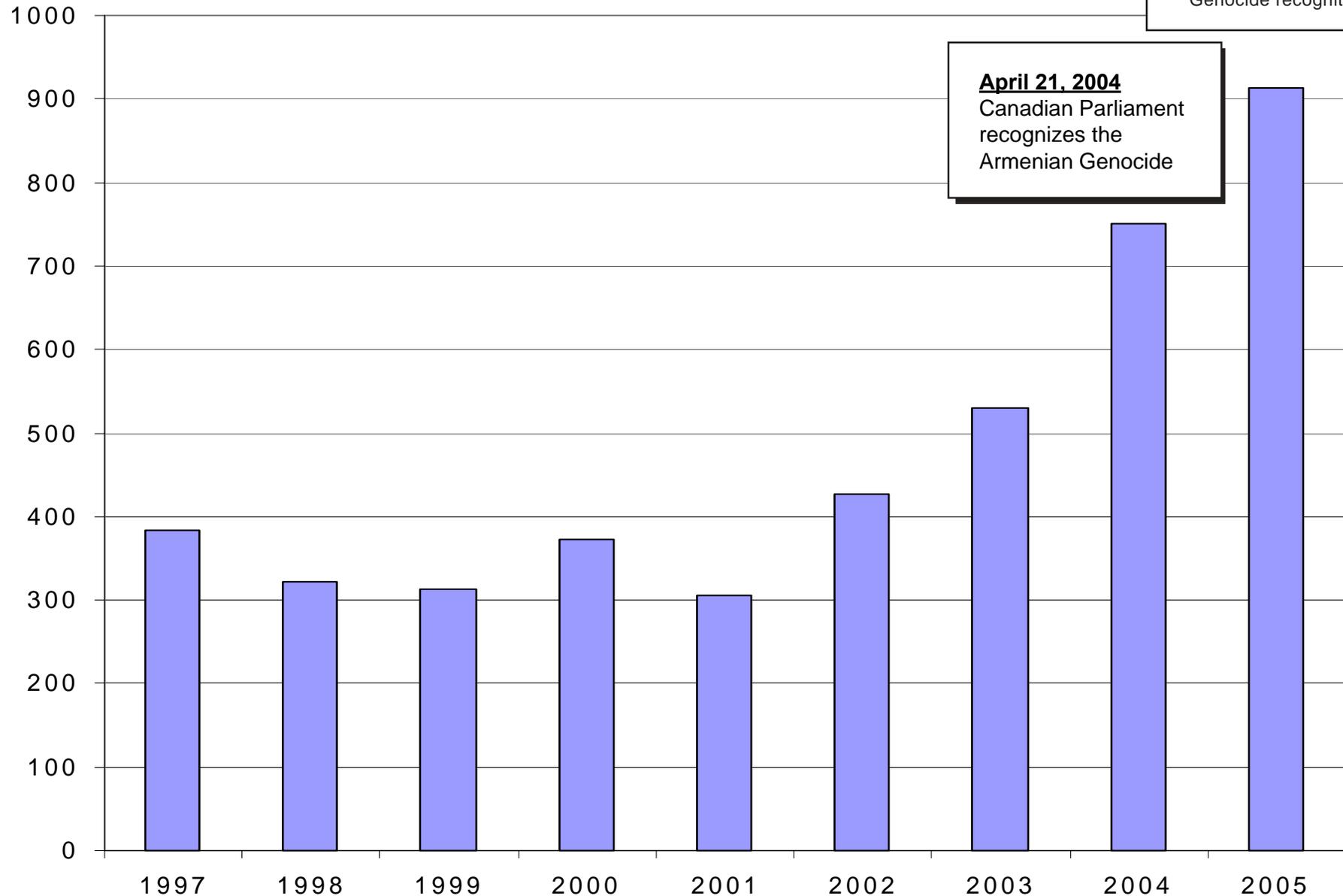
(millions of dollars)

+22%

since Armenian
Genocide recognition

April 21, 2004

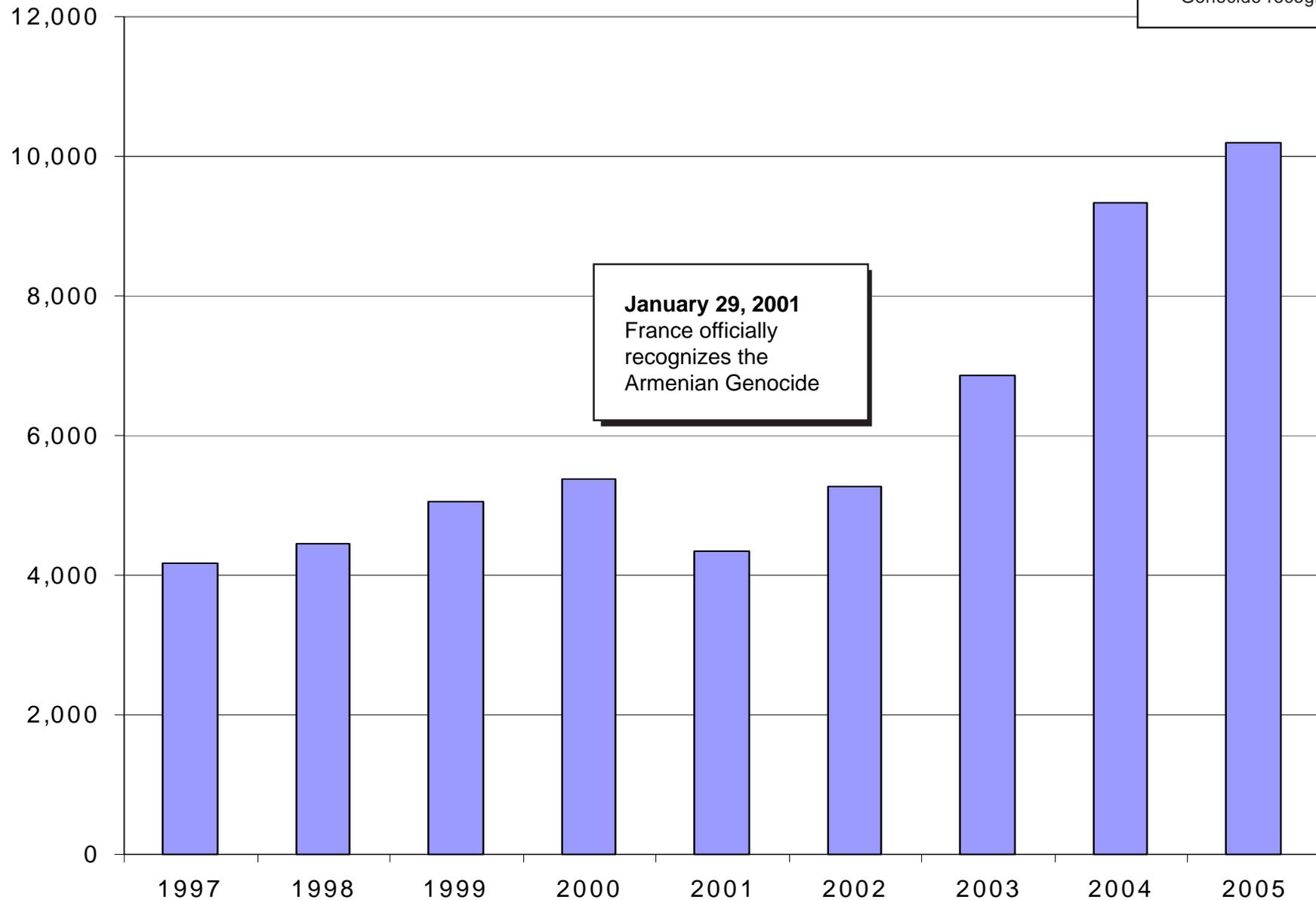
Canadian Parliament
recognizes the
Armenian Genocide



France-Turkey Trade

(millions of dollars)

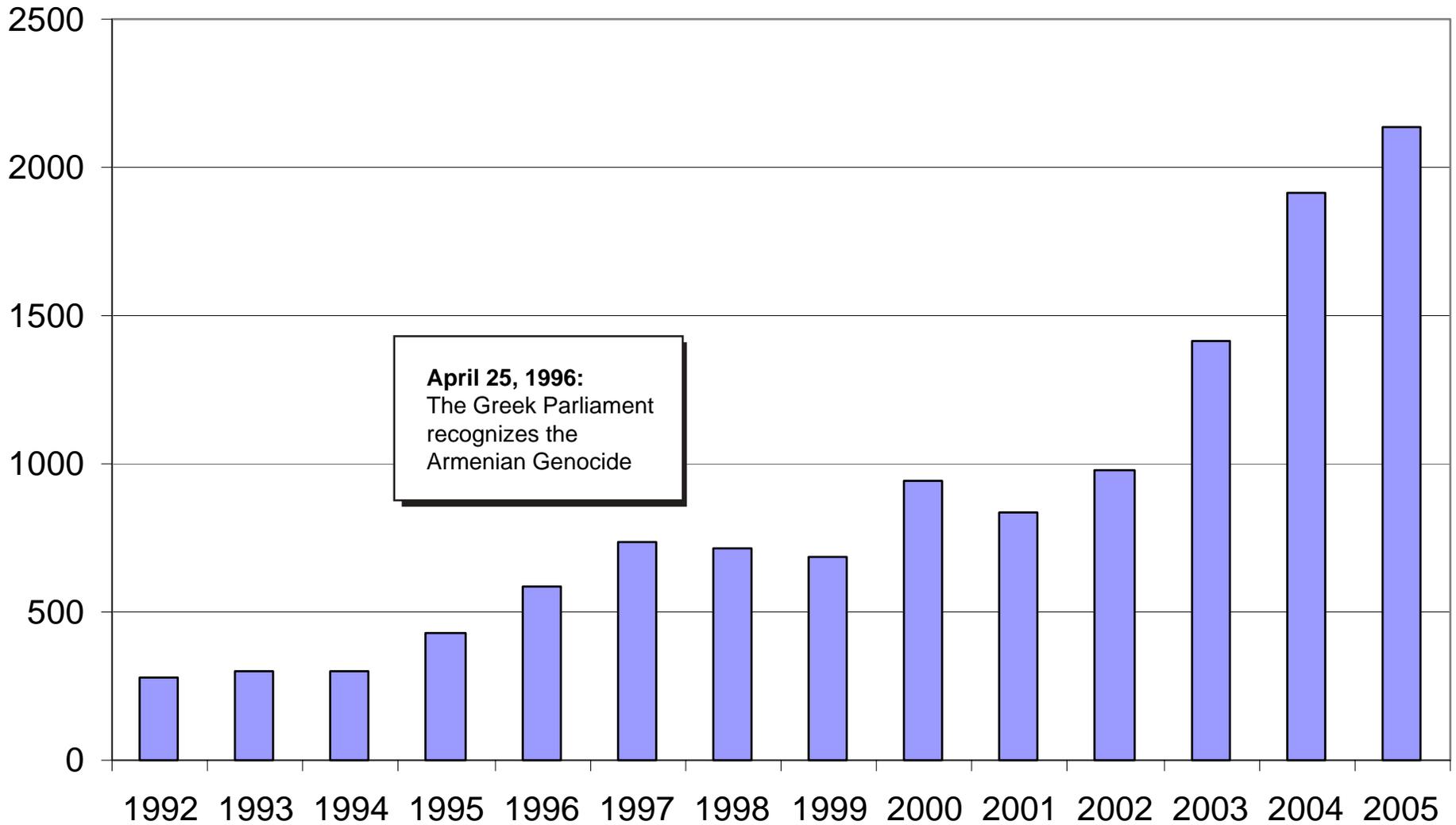
+135%
since Armenian
Genocide recognition



Greece-Turkey Trade

(millions of dollars)

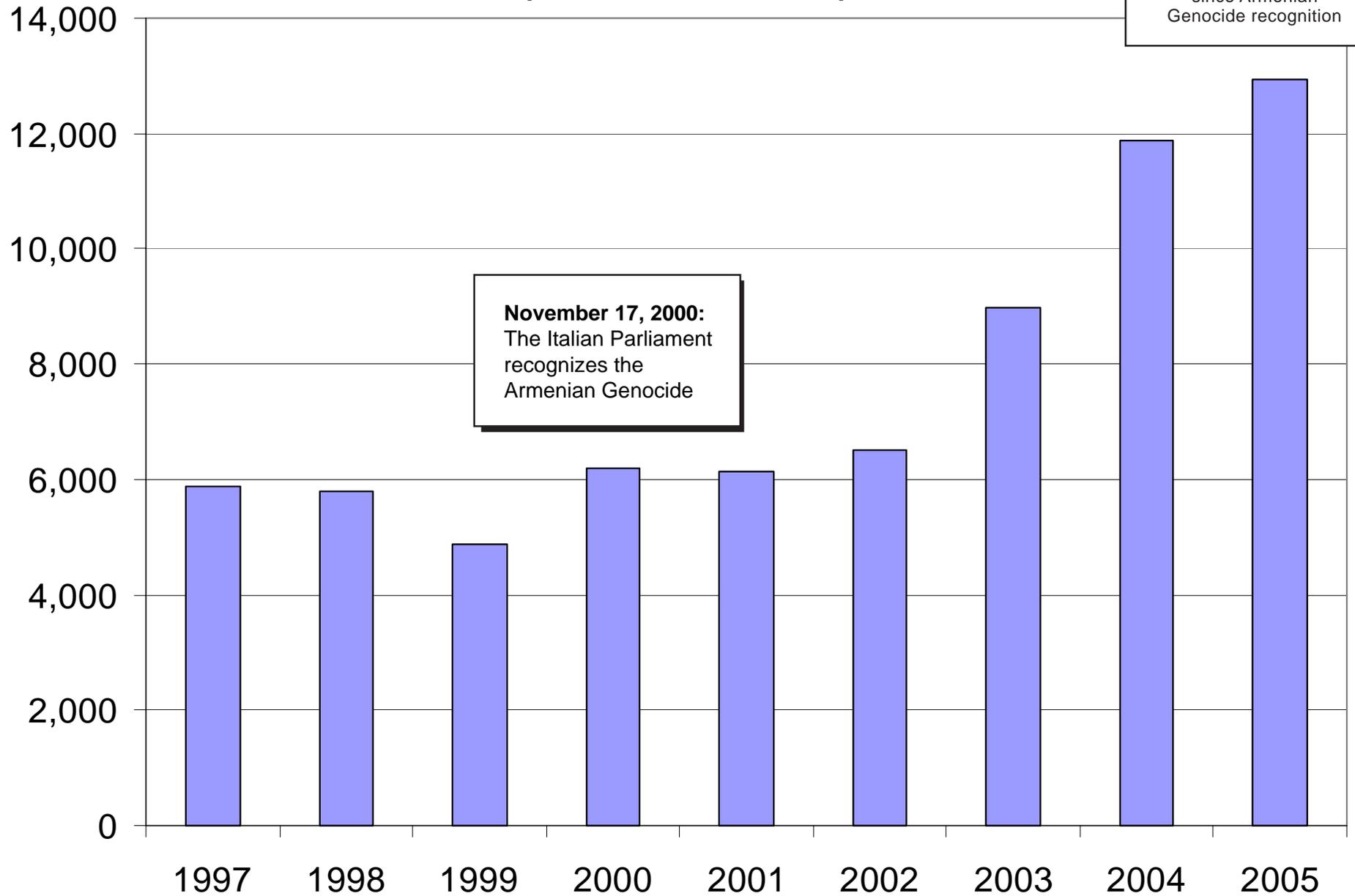
+266%
since Armenian
Genocide recognition



Italy-Turkey Trade

(millions of dollars)

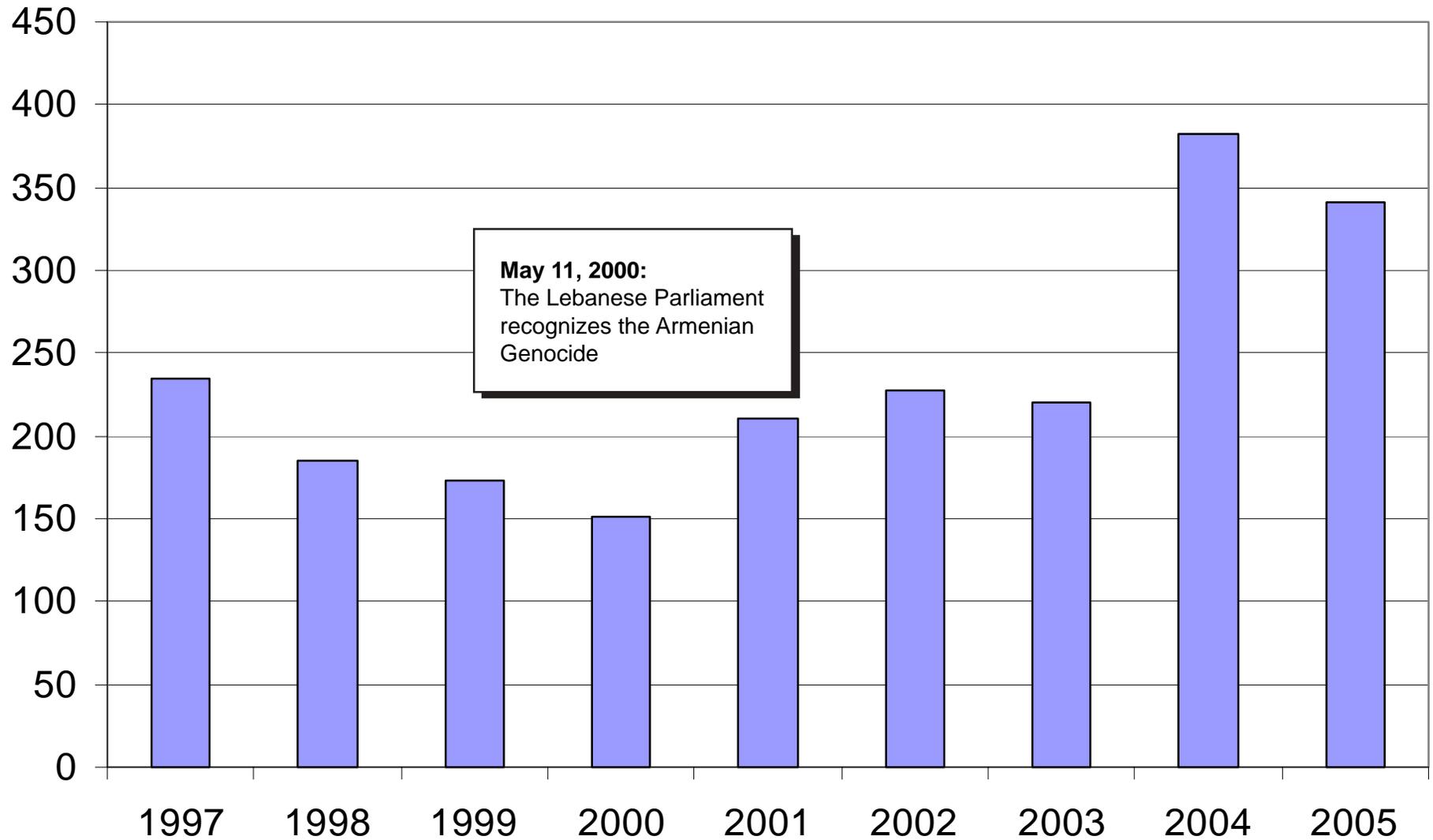
+109%
since Armenian
Genocide recognition



Lebanon-Turkey Trade

(millions of dollars)

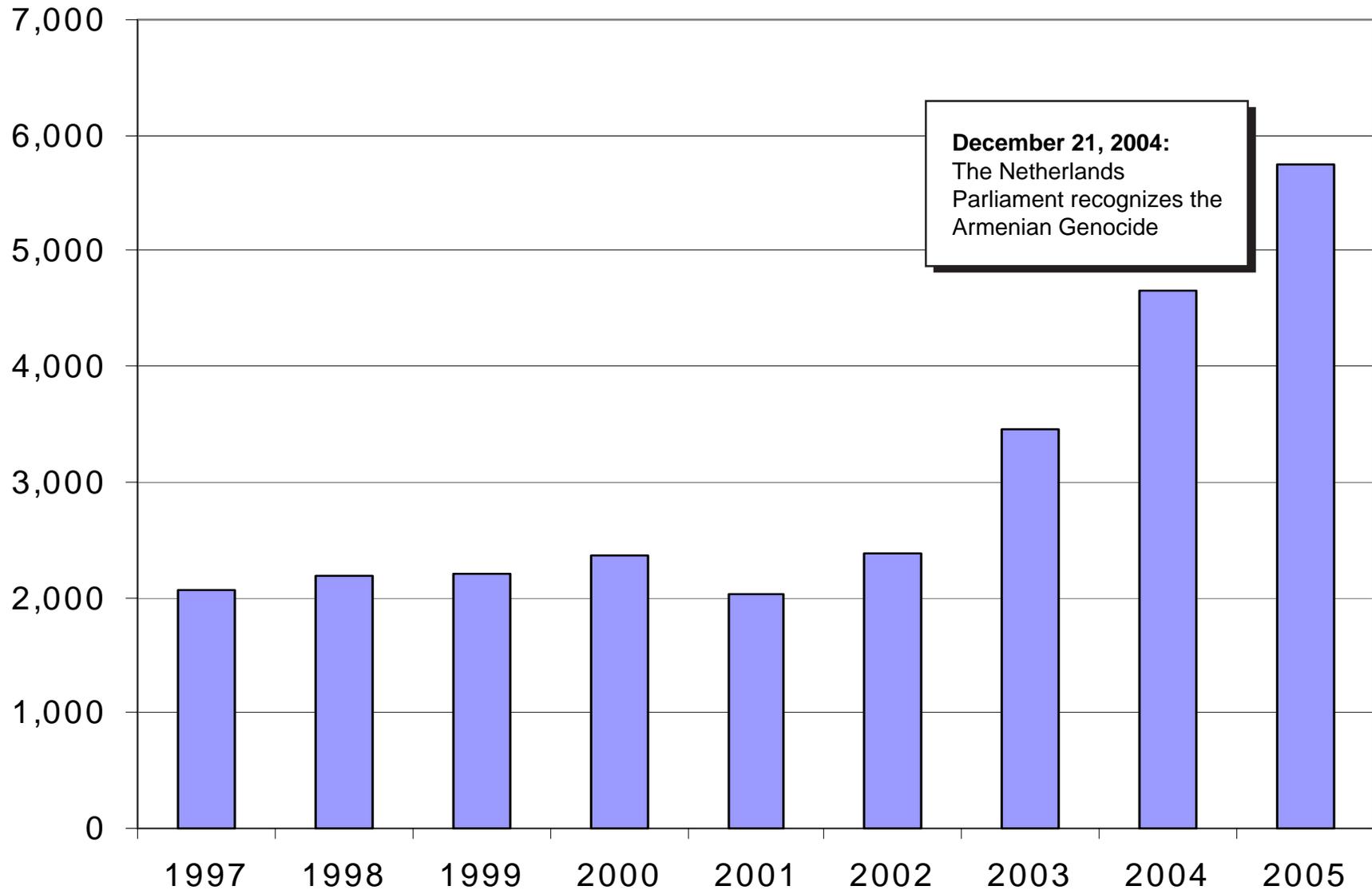
+126%
since Armenian
Genocide recognition



Netherlands-Turkey Trade

(millions of dollars)

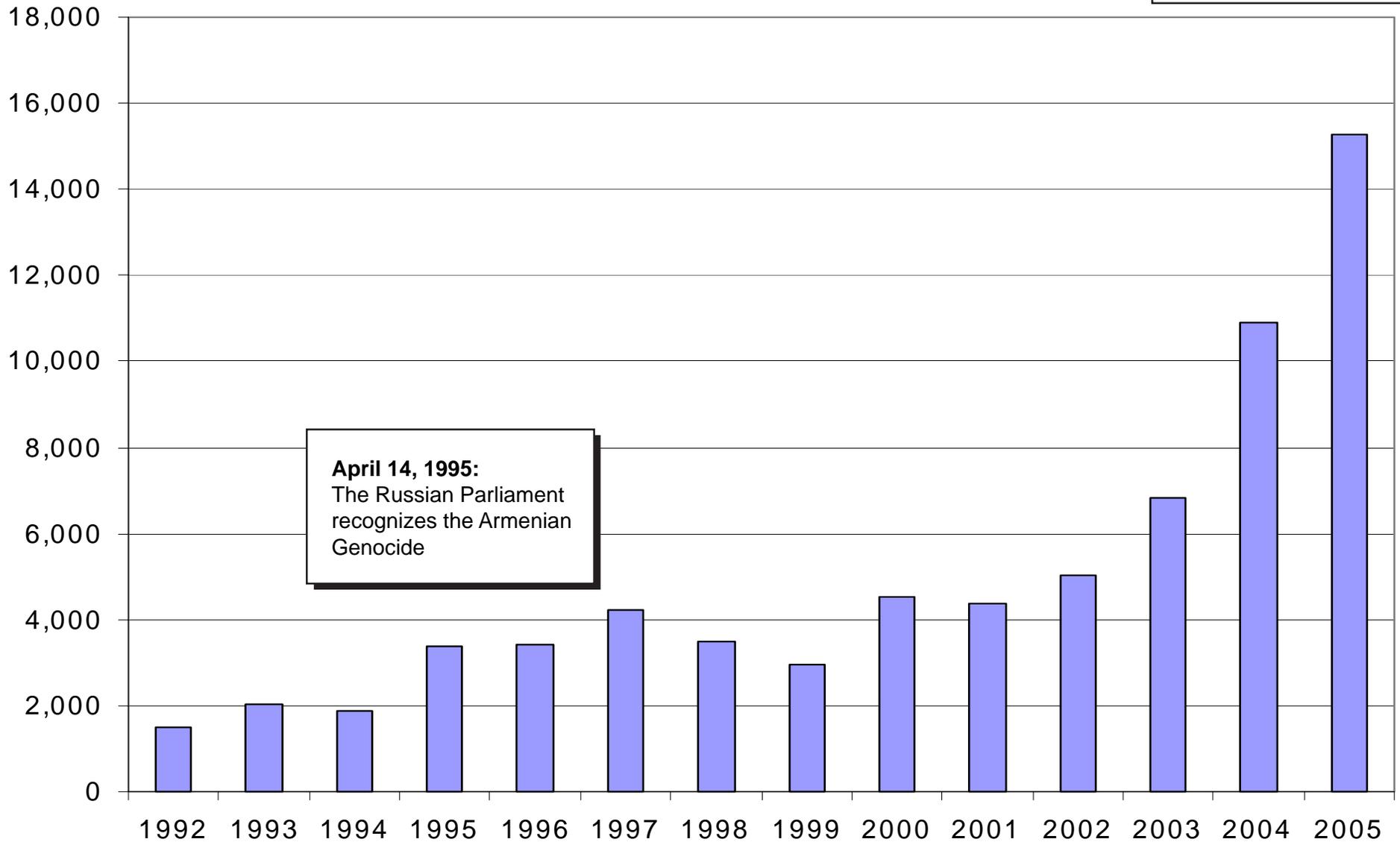
+24%
since Armenian
Genocide recognition



Russia-Turkey Trade

(millions of dollars)

+351%
since Armenian
Genocide recognition

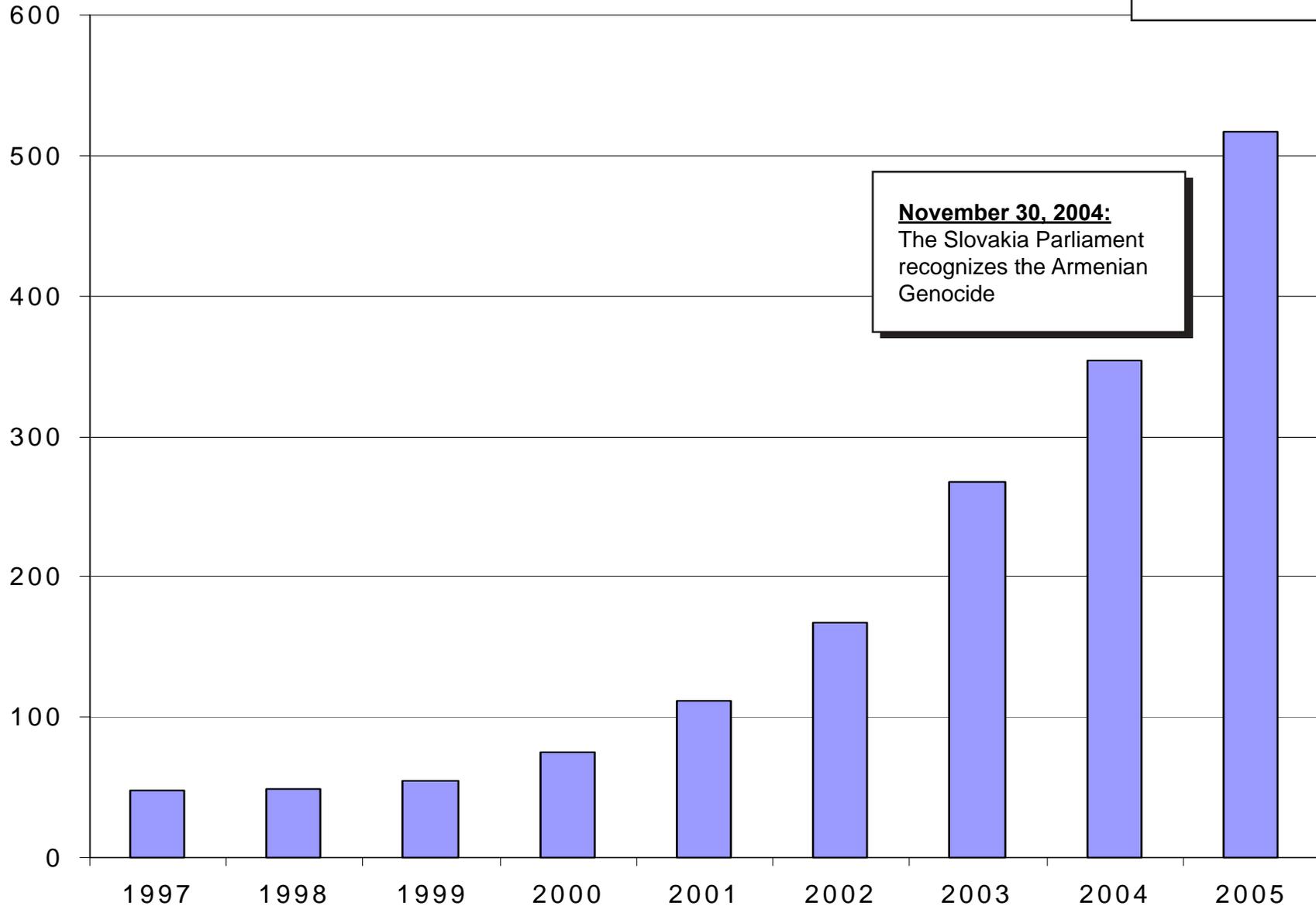


Slovakia-Turkey Trade

(millions of dollars)

+46%

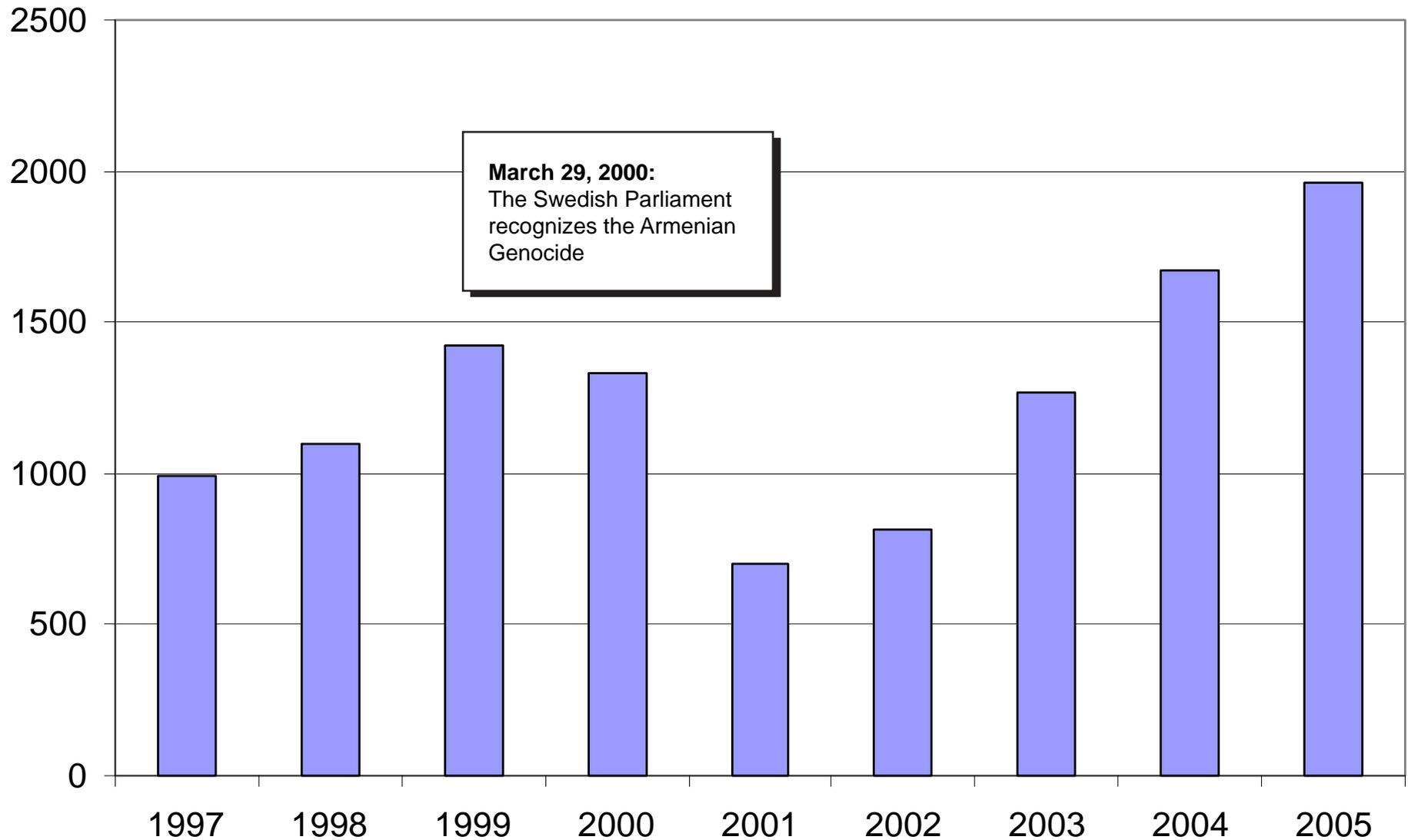
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Genocide recognition



Sweden-Turkey Trade

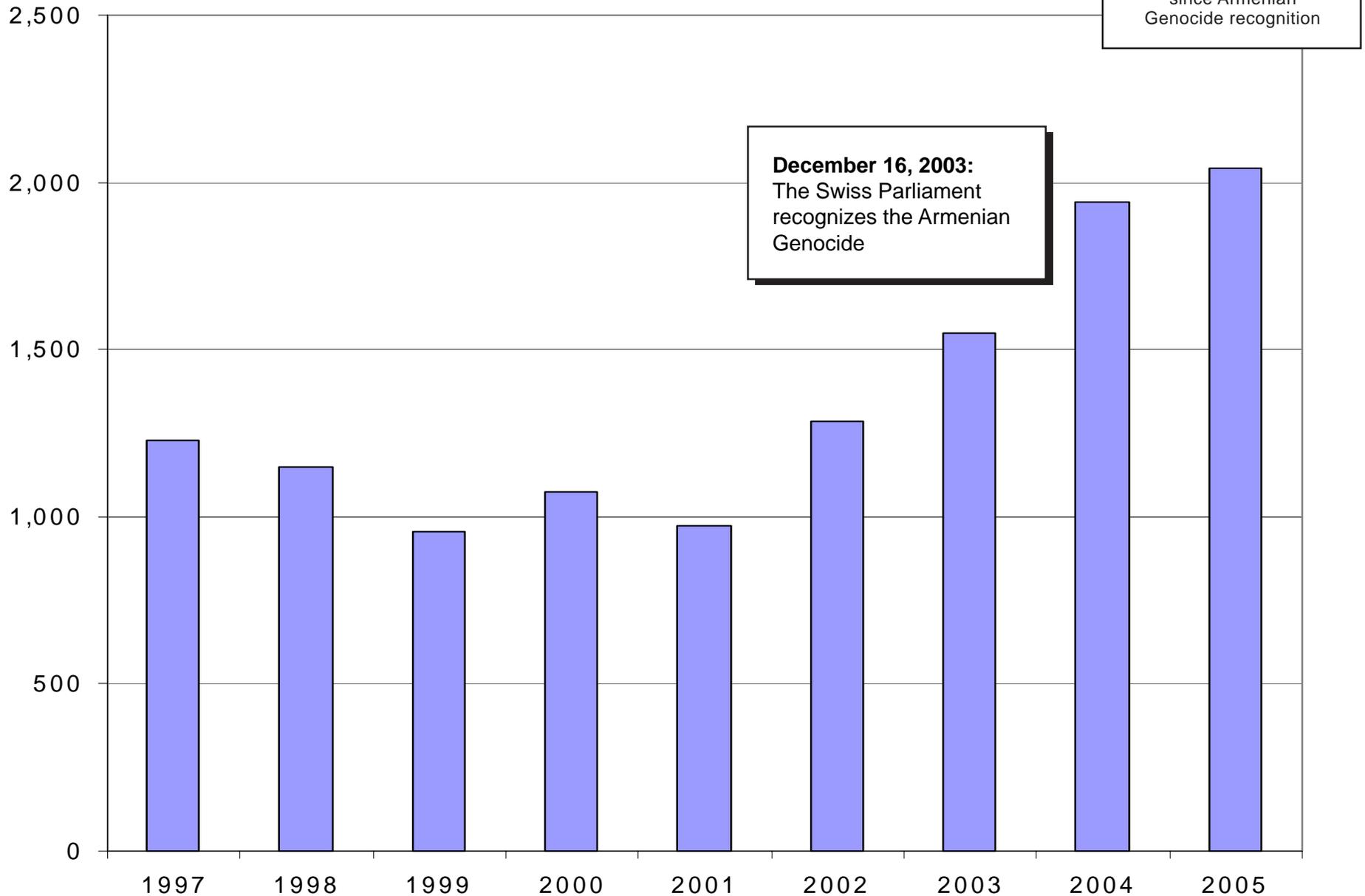
(millions of dollars)

+48%
since Armenian
Genocide recognition



Switzerland-Turkey Trade

(millions of dollars)



Uruguay-Turkey Trade

(millions of dollars)

+85%

since Armenian
Genocide recognition

