

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:

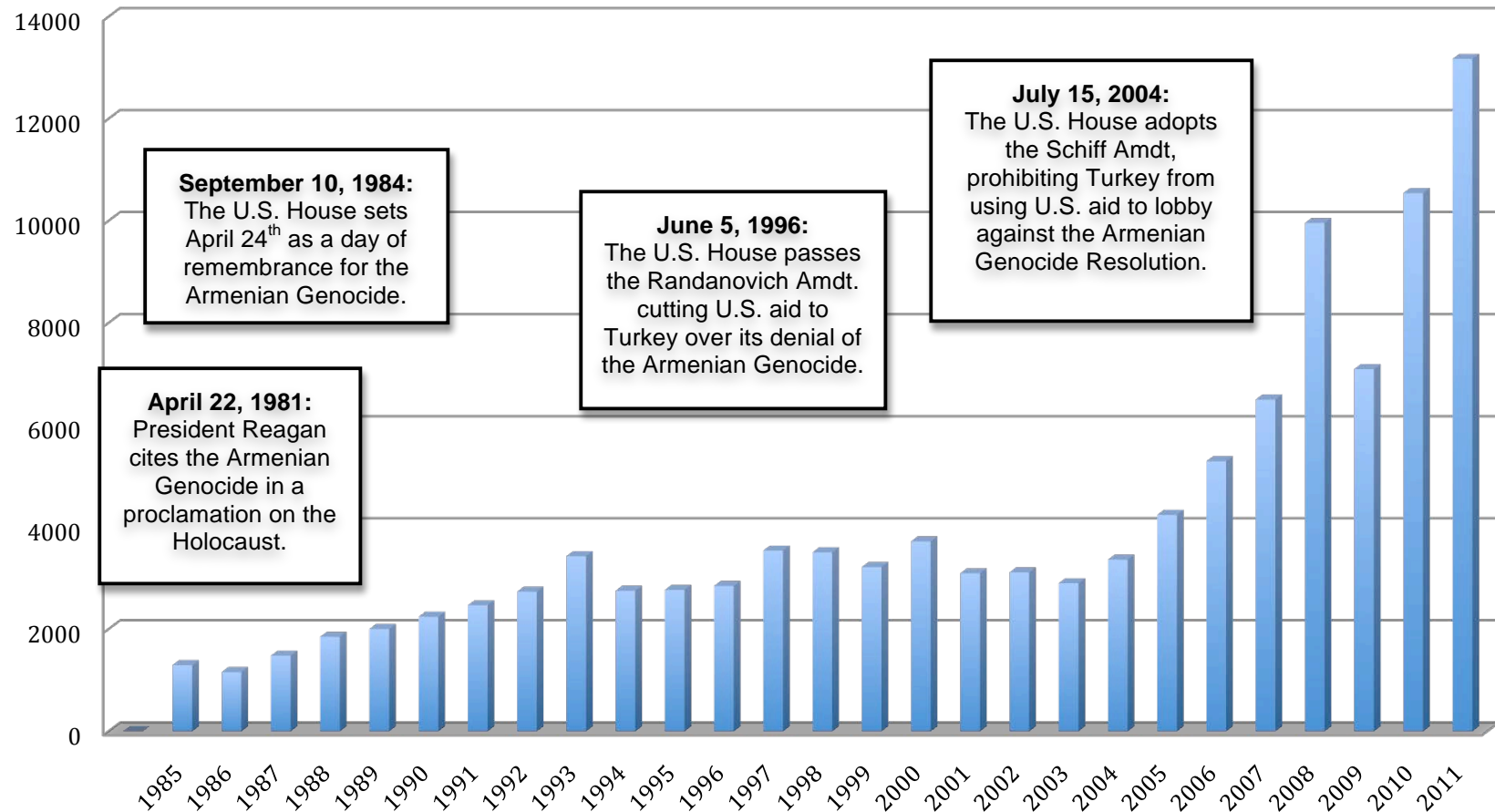
According to Census data, U.S. trade with Turkey increased by more than 10 times since Ronald Reagan, on April 22, 1981, cited the Armenian Genocide in a Presidential proclamation.

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	+174%
Canada	April 21, 2004	+148%
France	January 29, 2001	+257%
Greece	April 25, 1996	+399%
Italy	November 17, 2000	+126%
Lebanon *	May 11, 2000	+126%
Netherlands	December 21, 2004	+66%
Russia	April 14, 1995	+912%
Slovakia	November 30, 2004	+298%
Sweden	March 29, 2000	+33%
Switzerland	December 16, 2003	+6%
Uruguay *	March 26, 2004	+85%

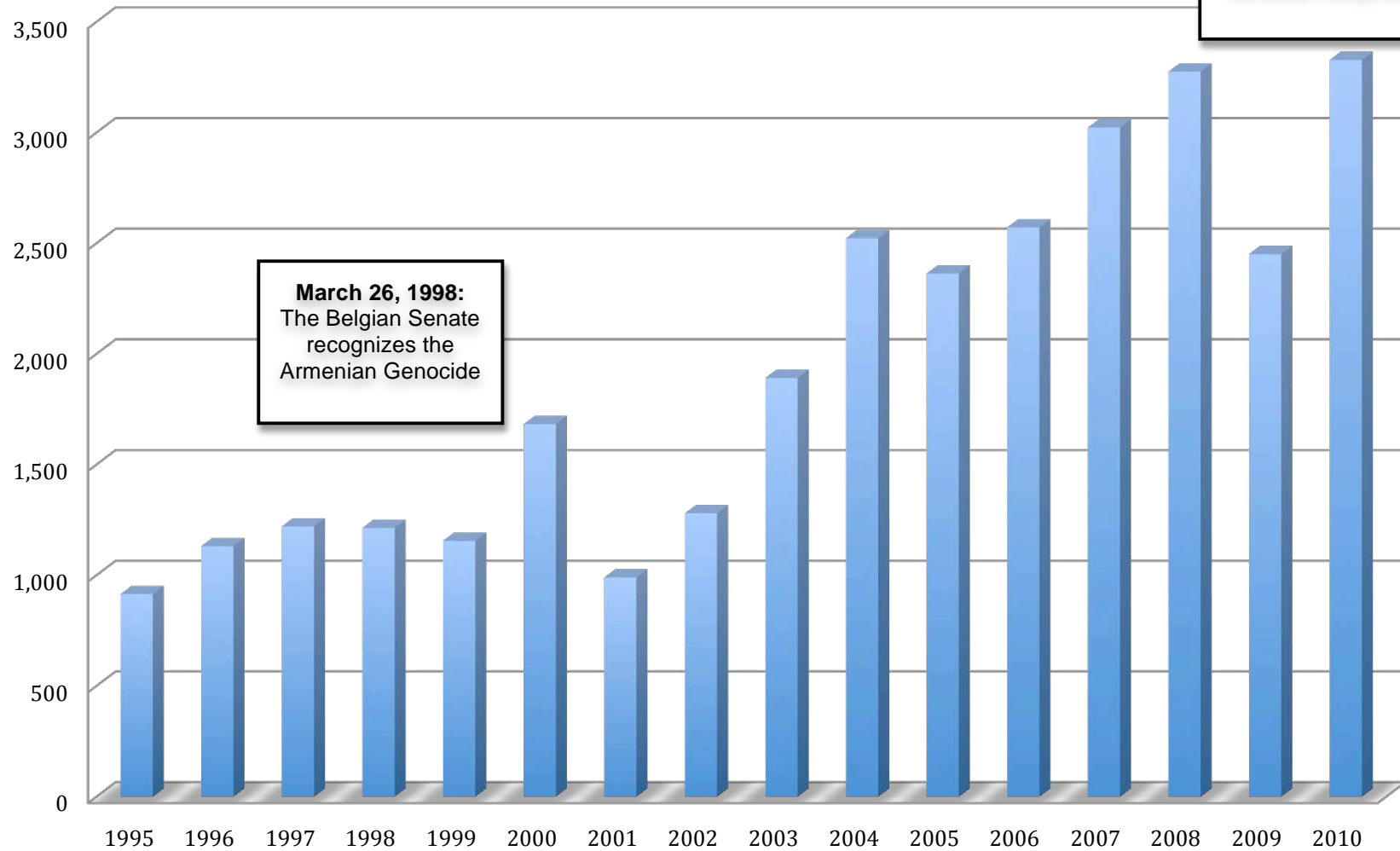
* Calculated percentages are based on information up to 2010, while Lebanon and Uruguay are limited to 2005. Further statistics have not yet been released for the latter countries.

U.S.-Turkey Trade (values in million USD)



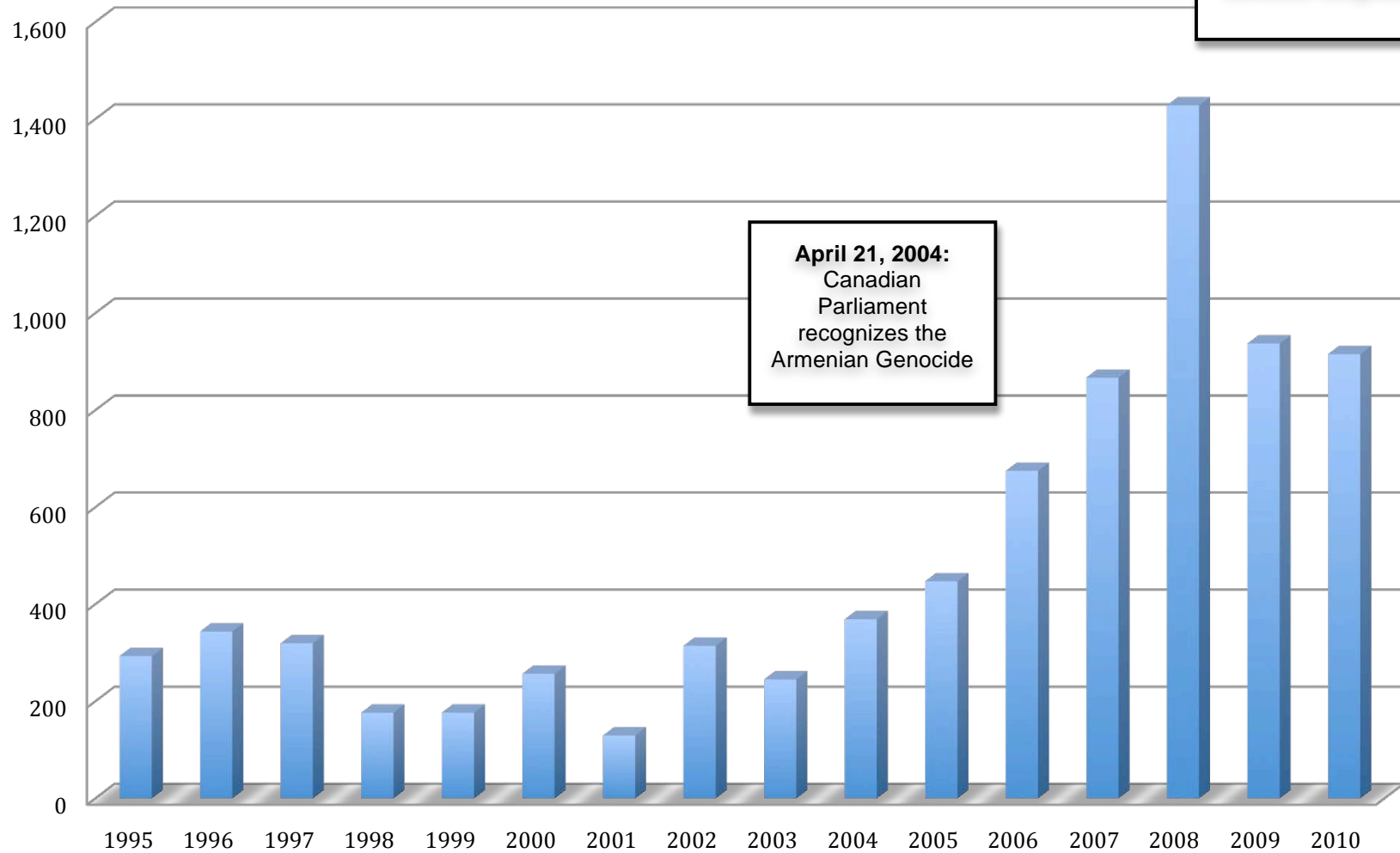
Belgium-Turkey Trade (values in million USD)

+174%
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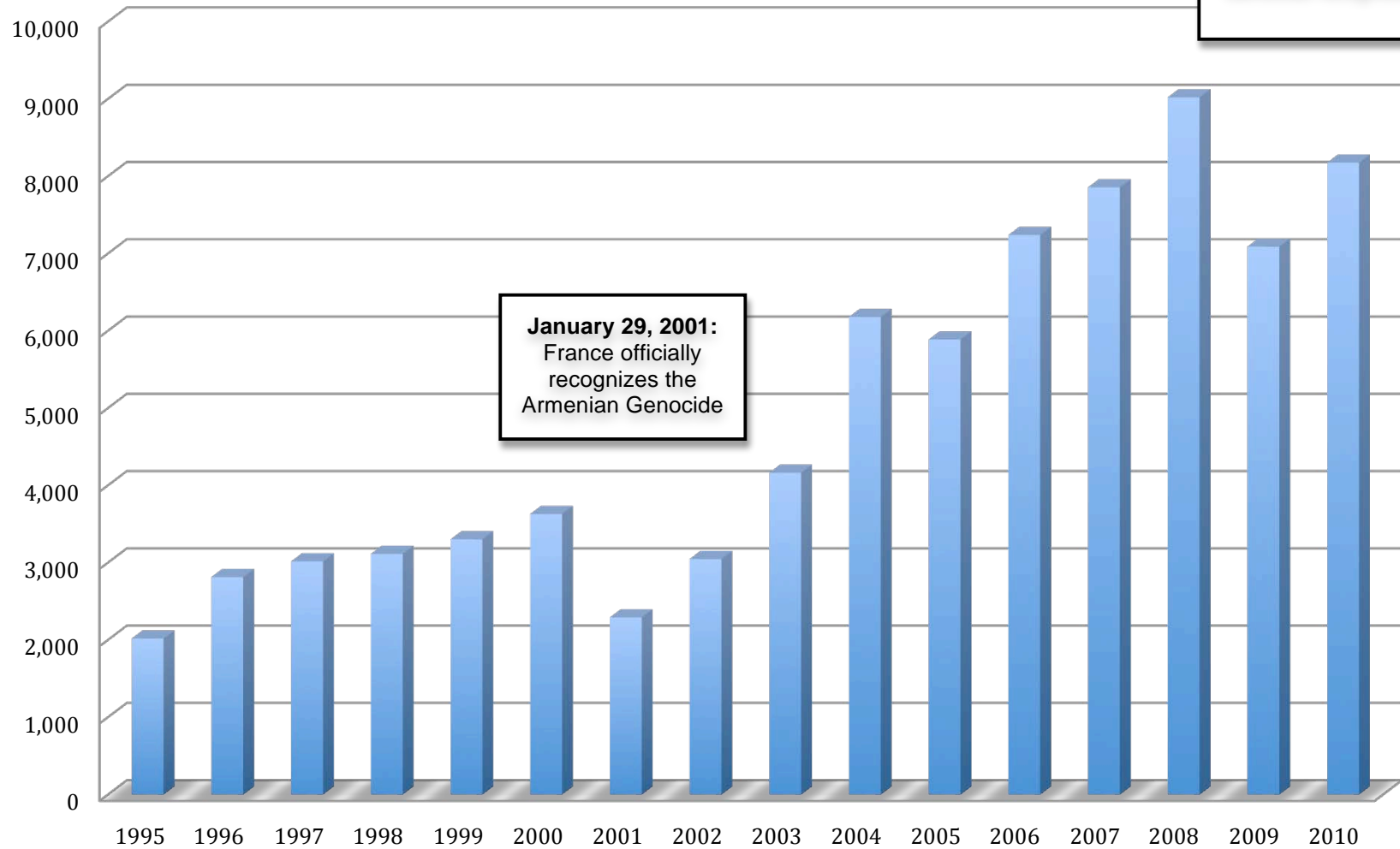
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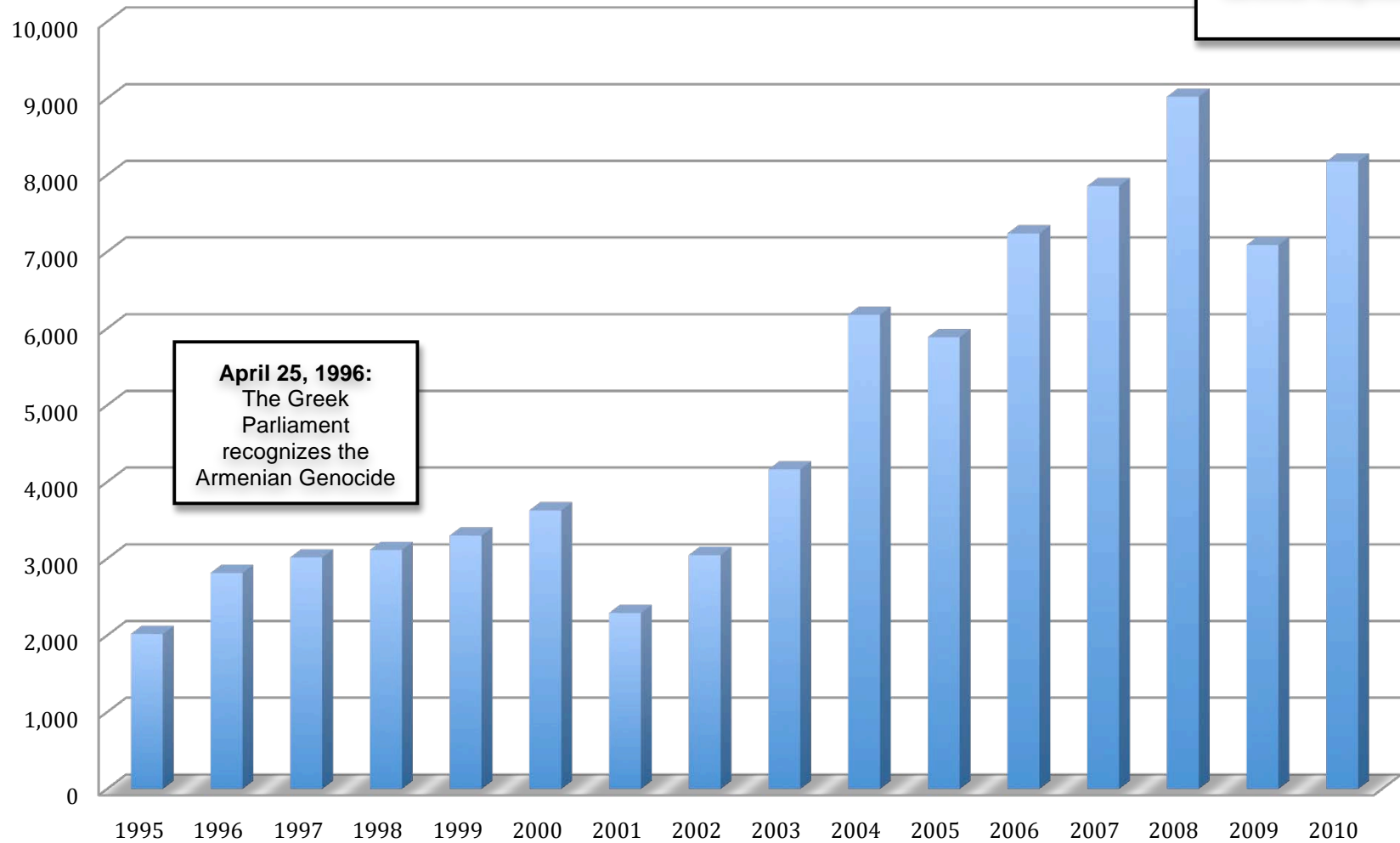
France-Turkey Trade (values in million USD)

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Greece-Turkey Trade (values in million USD)

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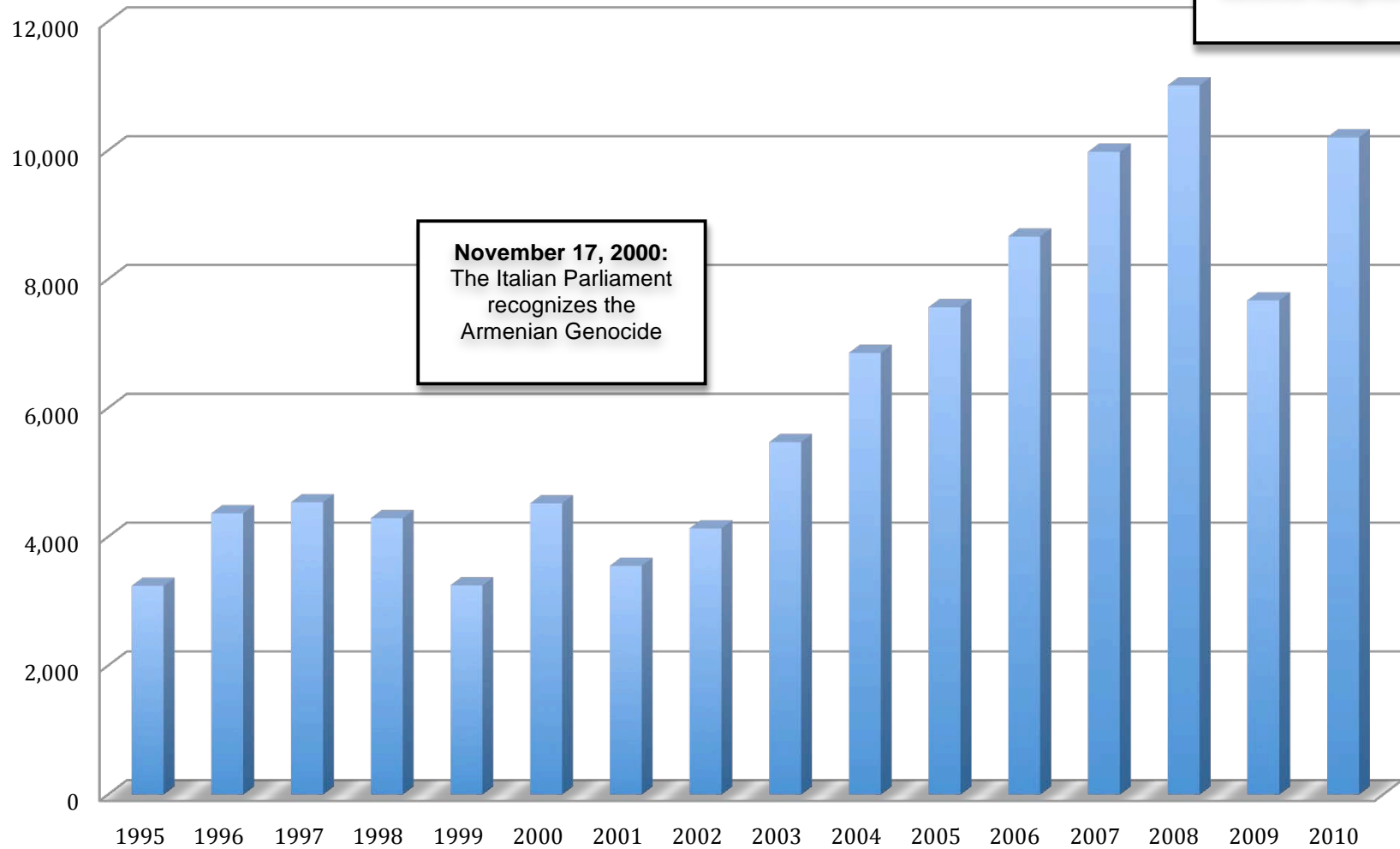


Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development - www.stats.oecd.org - Trade in goods

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Italy-Turkey Trade (values in million USD)

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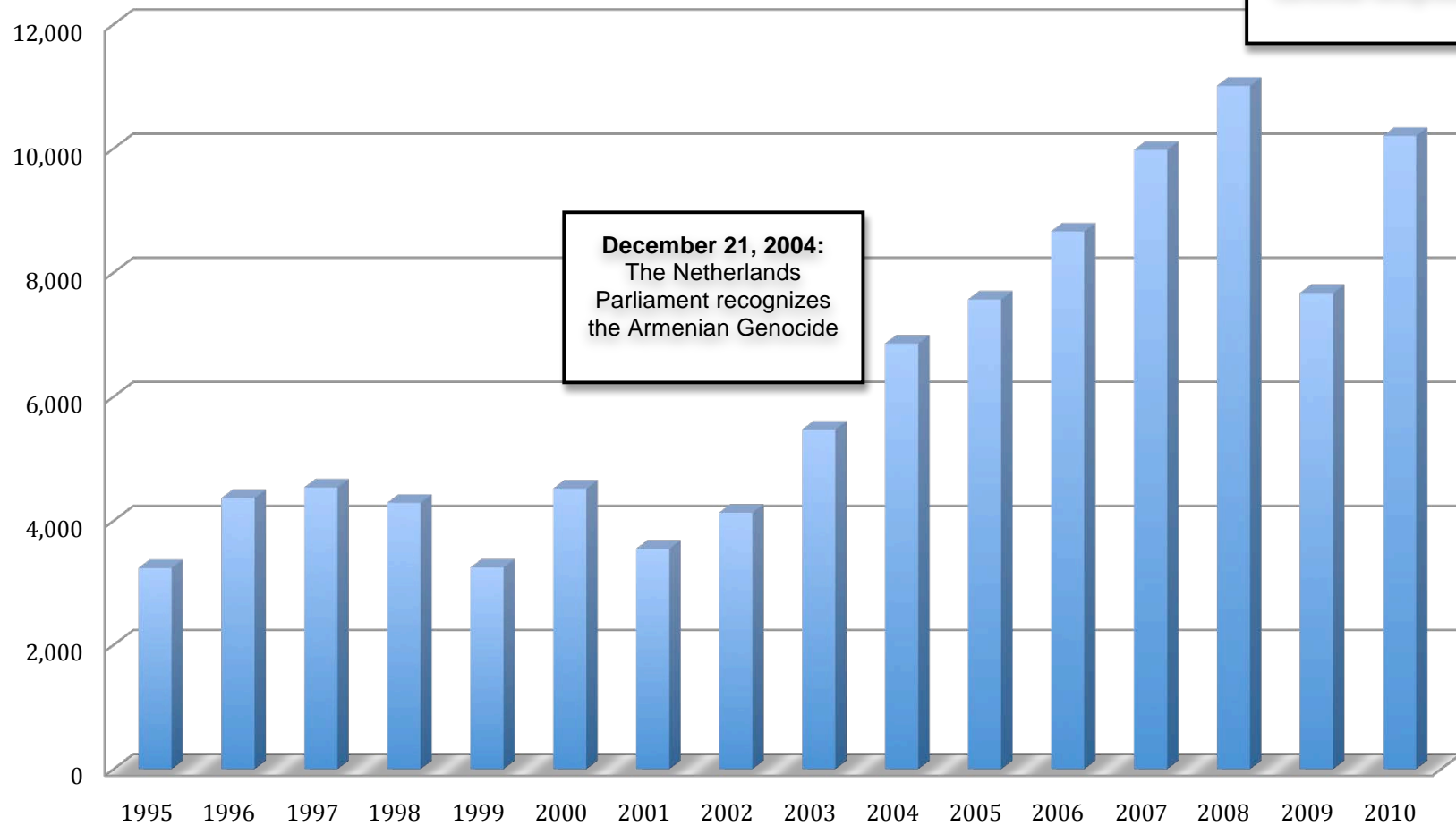


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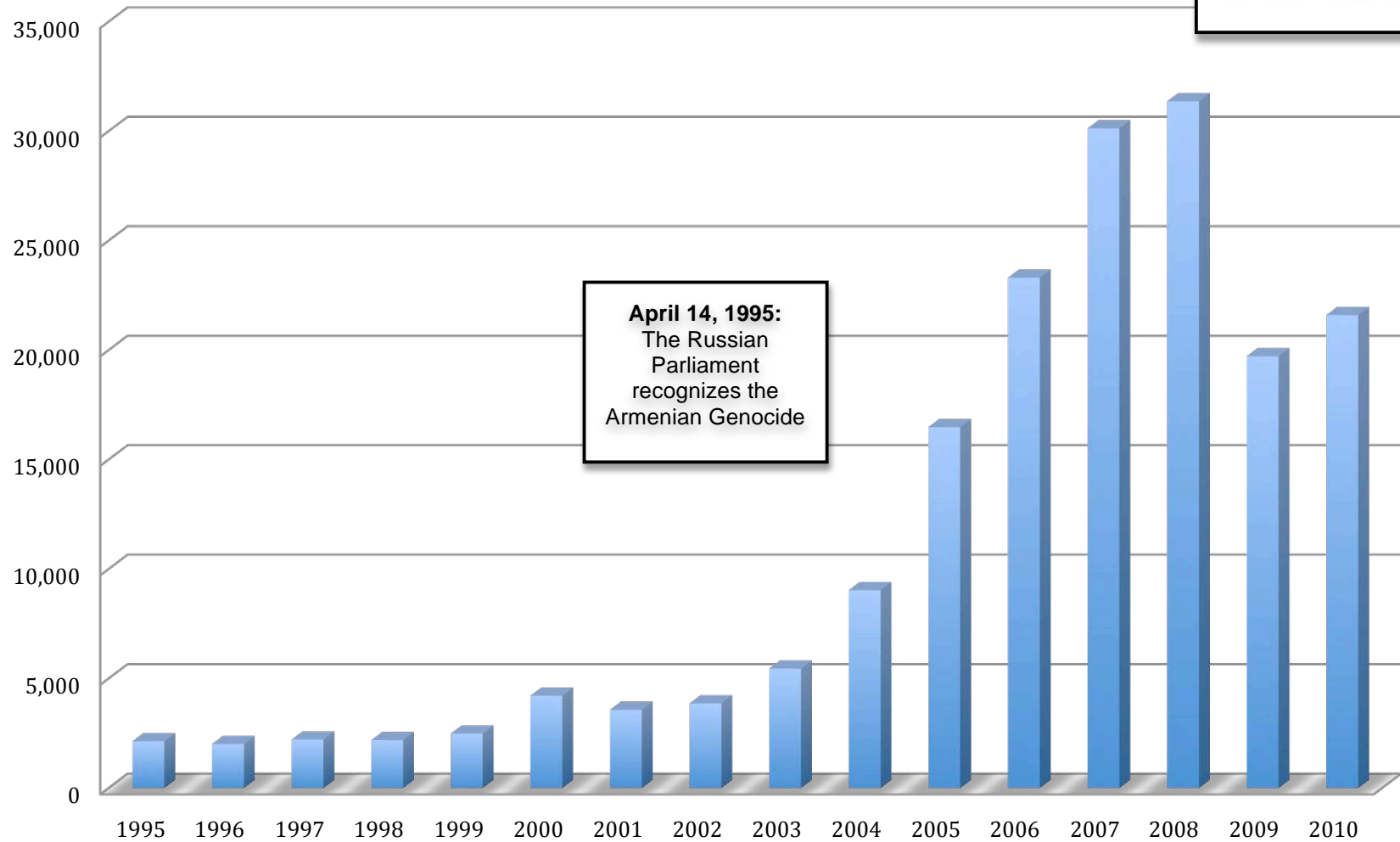
Netherlands-Turkey Trade (values in million USD)

+66%
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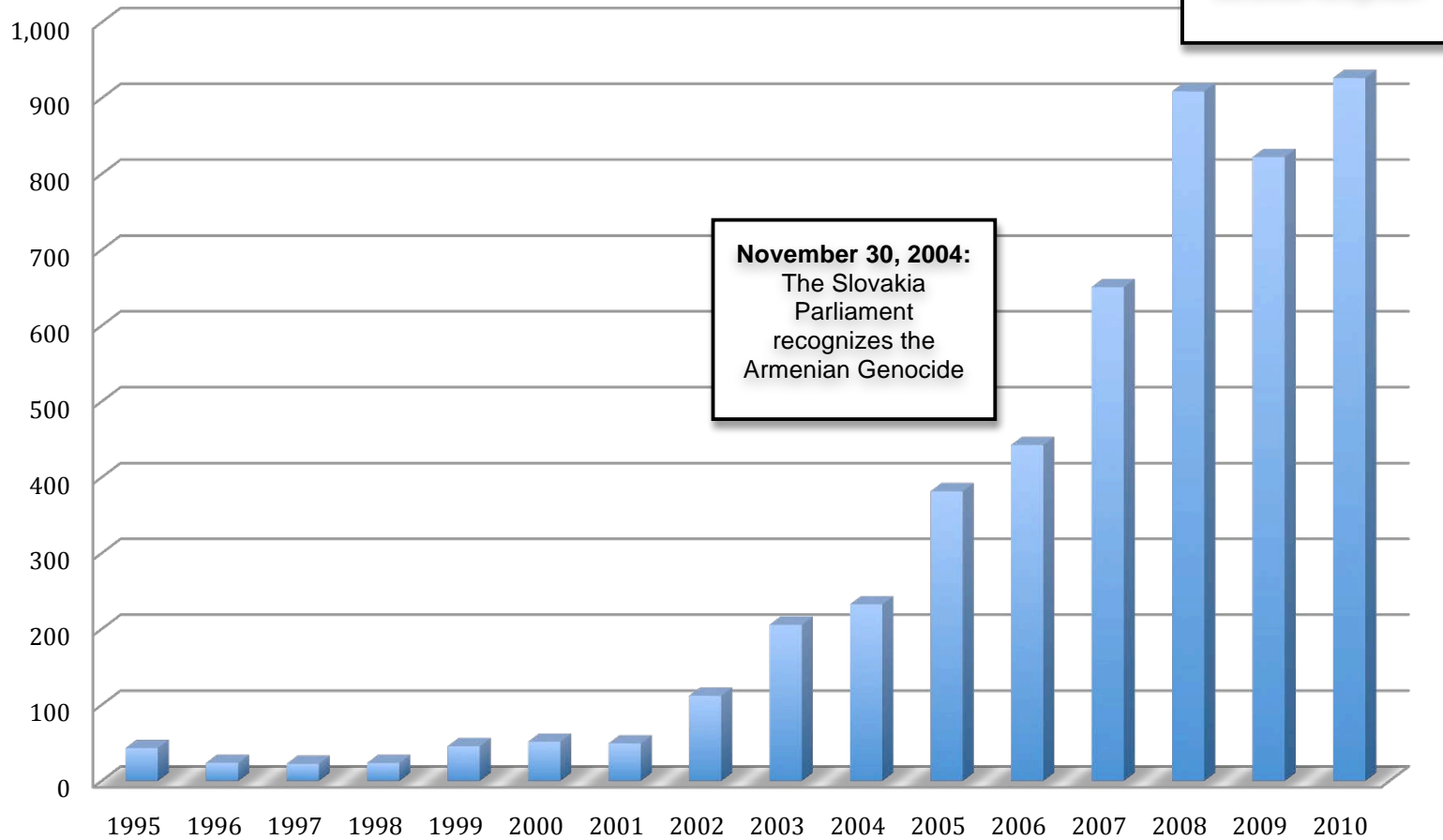


Russia-Turkey Trade (values in million USD)

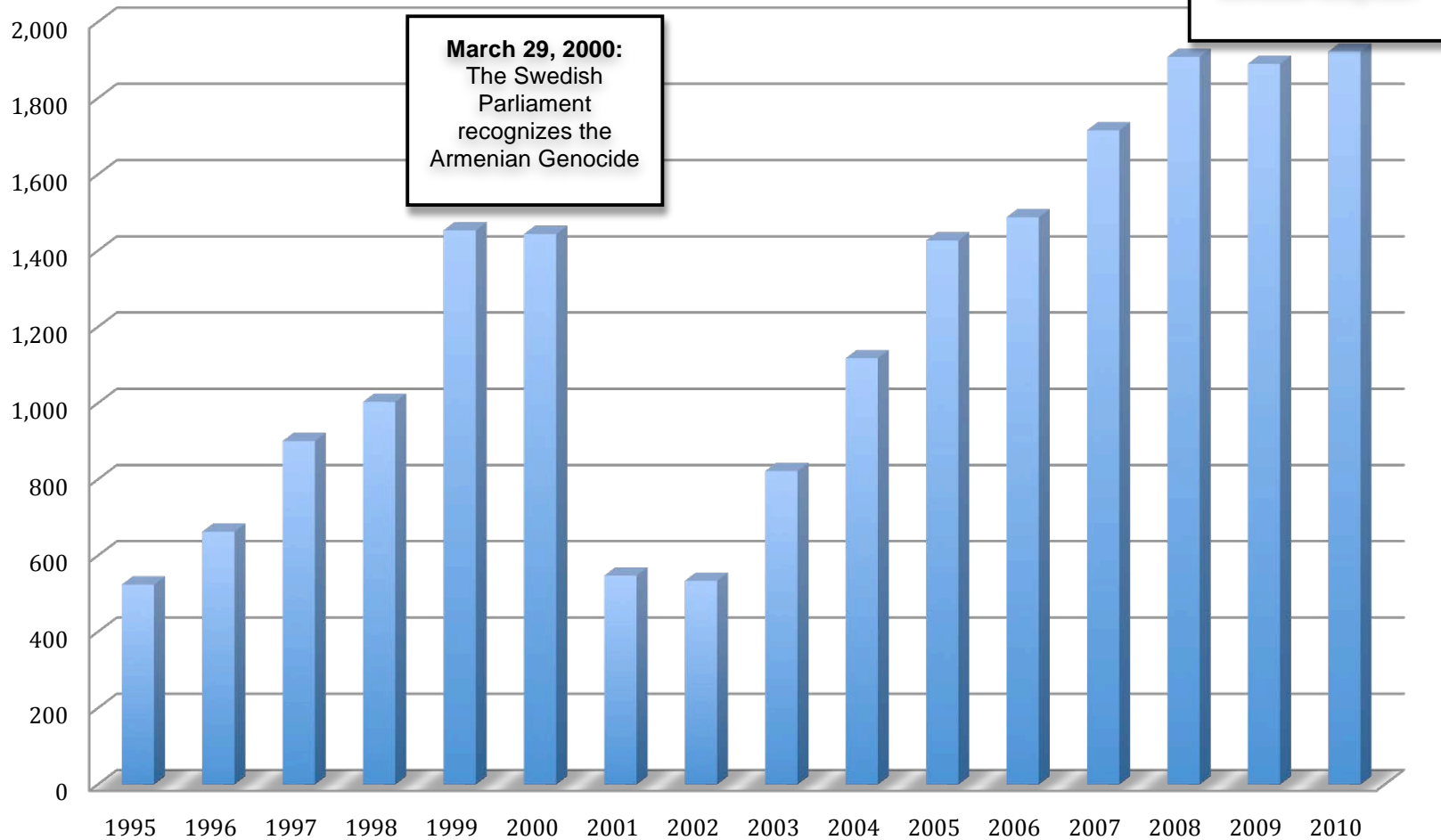
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Slovakia-Turkey Trade (values in million USD)



Sweden-Turkey Trade (values in million USD)



Switzerland-Turkey Trade (values in million USD)

