EU Luncheon – Sheraton Hotel – 13 December 2004

**Identities and clash of identities in Turkey**

* for convenience, only ethnic and religious.
* **Glossary**
* Classification:
  + Objective and subjective (when born; when choose)
  + Lower and upper (of the group; that the State gives you)
* Relations lower-upper:
  + Min. embraces upper as subjective: Voluntary assimilation
  + Min. refuses upper: trauma (massacres; secession)
  + Min. accepts upper, demands respect
    - State insists on assimilation: conflict
    - State respects lower: harmony (lower and upper not the same)
* **Turkey is very confused and confusing**
* Oct. 2004. Min. Report: “Must change upper because divisive”: “Spreading hatred and enmity”- 5 years wanted
* Last week. Essen Uni: “Humiliating!”
* Malatya trial: 32 files, 8 concerned with killing, 24 with missionary activities.
* July 19: Playing Kurdish song cassettes - 6 months (contrary opinion of C. of Cassation in April 27)
* Nov. 23: “Kurdistan”: 10 months
* Nov. 20: q, x, w: Three lawsuits against Mahmut Alınak – 2/6 months wanted.

**The source: Millet System today**

* Very respectful of differences (autonomy)
* Very discriminative
* Two millets:
  + Dominant – Muslims
  + Dominated – non-Muslims
* Upper Identities:
  + Ottoman Empire: Muslim
  + Turkish Republic: Turk (Muslim Turc; LAHASUMUT) -🡪 **Türkiyeli**
* Reason:
  + Respect for differences ended,
  + Discrimination continues.
* Kurds and Alevis: “Basic and founding elements”