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## FOREWORD

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**RESOLUTION**  
on the economic situation in the Community

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission's statement to the European Parliament on the economic situation in the Community at the beginning of 1974 (SEC (74) 600),
- having regard to the annual report on the economic situation in the Community <sup>(1)</sup> and the Council Resolution of 17 December 1973 <sup>(2)</sup>,
- having regard to its Resolutions of 3 December 1970, 5 July, 13 November and 13 December 1973 <sup>(3)</sup>,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 407/73),

1. Is convinced that the current situation in the Community, with the Member States attempting to overcome present difficulties by means of national measures, is jeopardizing the Community and its members to such an extent that the outcome can only be detrimental to all concerned; it is therefore imperative for the Community and the Member States to take joint action and overcome the difficulties through Community measures;

2. Notes that the Community is faced in the immediate future with three major problems of economic and monetary policy — accelerated price rises, serious risks of unemployment and dis-equilibrium in current balances of payments — which can only be reasonably solved through Community action;

3. Is of the opinion that failure to take this action would jeopardize the development of the Community and call into question its achievements to date, through competitive depreciations and generalized floating of currencies combined with aggressive trade measures leading to the segmentation of domestic markets and a lasting decline in economic activity;

4. Urges that the Council should feel unreservedly bound by the measures it enacted at its sitting of 18 February 1974 and act accordingly;

5. Supports the Council's expressed intention to avoid competitive depreciation of currencies and restrictive trade practices, which in any case can be of no lasting benefit to the countries resorting to them;

6. Regrets that the directive on stability, growth and full employment in the Community differs on several points from the Commission's initial draft, particularly with regard to the time limits fixed for the implementation of certain conjunctural measures;

(1) OJ No C 107, 8. 12. 1973, p. 1.

(2) OJ No C 116, 29. 12. 1973, p. 22.

(3) OJ No C 151, 29. 12. 1970, p. 23, OJ No C 62, 31. 7. 1973, p. 31, OJ No C 108, 10. 12. 1973, p. 22, OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 48.

7. Denounces the intergovernmental nature of the statements in paragraphs 6 and 7 (1) of the press release issued at the end of the Council's sitting of 18 February 1974;
8. Notes with surprise that, after adopting a decision on the attainment of a high degree of convergence in the economic policies of the EEC Member States, according to which the Council would thenceforth meet at least once a month to discuss economic and monetary matters, the Council has decided not to meet in March;
9. Regrets that the measures introduced in some Member States to stimulate the economy have not been taken or are not prepared with sufficient coordination at Community level;
10. Deplores the lack of political resolve in the Council for the coordination of economic and monetary policies in the Community and considers that the advanced interpenetration of the economies of the Member States calls for a redistribution of powers between the Community institutions and the national authorities;
11. Invites the Commission to draw the logical conclusions from these findings and submit proposals to the Council which go beyond simple technical amendments to existing procedures and involve an extension of the implementing and decision-making powers of the Community institutions;
12. Considers economic, budgetary and taxation policies, together with monetary and credit policies should be the subject of binding Community decisions;
13. Repeats (A) that, where powers in respect of economic and monetary policy are transferred from the national level to the Community, democratic supervision should be ensured by increasing the powers of the European Parliament;
14. Considers the participation of all the Member States in the Community monetary policy measures as a condition for re-establishing an ordered monetary situation both inside and outside the Community;
15. Invites the Commission to make limited but practical proposals for developing the monetary role of the European unit of account;
16. Further invites the Commission to seize the opportunity presented by the recent — and possibly temporary — removal of a number of exchange restrictions, to propose Community rules of control over capital movements to and from third countries;
17. Recommends the introduction of a strictly conditional Community loans system, going beyond the limits fixed by the short-term Community support machinery adopted by the Council on 18 February 1974;
18. Instructs its Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to submit a report on how the Community can be put in a position to provide a stable market in the Community for the large accumulations of funds deriving from oil revenue and to give appropriate guarantees to attract and retain such funds for investment in the general economic interest;
19. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

(1) '6. The governments of the Member States undertake to initiate detailed consultations on the movements in the rates of exchange, the policy on interest rates, calls on the international capital market and the use of reserves, on the basis of the decision relating to the attainment of a high degree of convergence between the economic policies of the Member States.

7. The Community will be guided by the above principles in its relations with non-member countries and will strive to ensure that the entire international Community adopts policies in the monetary and trade sectors which give stable and regular relations.'

(A) OJ No 151, 29. 12. 1970, p. 23.

**RESOLUTION**  
**on Community regional policy**

*The European Parliament,*

- deploring the fact that the decision on the creation of a Regional Development Fund was not adopted by the Council before the end of 1973 and has been repeatedly postponed,
  - considering that in this area the Council has failed to meet the obligations to which it committed itself on 19 December 1972 and those placed on it by the Paris Summit Conference and confirmed by the Copenhagen Summit Conference,
  - considering that this delay is seriously jeopardizing the implementation of the second phase of economic and monetary union,
  - having regard to the Council's answer of 13 February 1974 to Oral Question No 194/73 with debate <sup>(1)</sup> put by the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport,
1. Considers that the Council's answer is completely inadequate;
  2. Invites the Council, once again, to state the precise deadlines which it proposes to set for the adoption of the decisions on the Regional Development Fund;
  3. Notes with satisfaction that the personal statements by the President of the Council on the need for geographical concentration of the aid are in line with the unanimous opinion of the European Parliament, which has already asked <sup>(2)</sup> for the regions given aid to be classified according to the relative seriousness of the imbalances at Community level, to show the priority regions on which the funds available should be concentrated;
  4. Also notes the Commission's intention to alter its standpoint by taking account of the need to concentrate aid on the most underprivileged regions;
  5. Is of the opinion, in the present situation, that the Regional Development Fund will merely be a means of overcoming the serious problems of development and redevelopment in certain regions of Europe in a spirit of solidarity, to assist in the transition to the second stage of economic and monetary union;
  6. Considers, therefore, that this Fund, which is a simple instrument of limited geographical scope, must not be confused with a comprehensive common regional policy, which does not yet exist and which would embrace the whole territory of the Community;
  7. Stresses that, although it therefore disapproves of geographical dispersion of the aid, it is, on the contrary, in favour of assistance that is not limited on a sectorial basis merely to infrastructures directly connected with economic development <sup>(3)</sup> and again asks that assistance from the Fund should take account of the social and human factors of regional development;
  8. Recalls that it has already asked for consultation of the responsible representatives of the regions to be made obligatory when they are affected by a development programme <sup>(4)</sup>;
  9. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Debates of the European Parliament No 171, p. 115.

<sup>(2)</sup> Resolution of 13 December 1973 on the list of regions and zones eligible for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 43).

<sup>(3)</sup> Resolution on the European Regional Development Fund of 15 November 1973 (OJ No C 108, 10. 12. 1973, p. 51).

<sup>(4)</sup> Resolution on the Committee for Regional Policy of 15 November 1973 (OJ No C 108, 10. 12. 1973, p. 54).

## RESOLUTION

### on the Commercial Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India

*The European Parliament,*

- recalling its resolution of 1965 <sup>(1)</sup> concerning commercial relations between EEC and India,
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the negotiations for the Agreement (Doc. 233/73),
- having regard to the explanation given on 12 December 1973, at a joint meeting of the Committees on External Economic Relations and on Development and Cooperation, by the Chairman-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities, Mr Fitzgerald, on this subject,
- having regard to the Commercial Cooperation Agreement between the EEC and the Republic of India signed on 17 December 1973,
- aware of the importance of this Agreement for the enlarged Community and for international relations,
- stressing India's political importance and its essential role in the third world,
- stressing the significance of India's commitment to development through democratic institutions,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 402/73),

1. Welcomes the signing of the Commercial Cooperation Agreement between the EEC and the Republic of India;
2. Approves the specific proposals for binding the tariff suspension already applied autonomously as set out in Annex II to the Agreement;
3. Welcomes the tariff adjustments that are contemplated in Annexes III and IV to the Agreement for products of interest to India through improvements in the Generalized Scheme of Preferences and total tariff suspensions;
4. Endorses the principles set out in the preamble and supports the declared objective of the Agreement, namely, the development of commercial exchanges between the parties on the basis of comparative advantage and mutual benefit so as to contribute to their economic and social progress and to the improvement of the balance of their mutual trade at a level as high as possible;
5. Welcomes, therefore, the setting up of a Joint Commission to devise practical and effective ways and means of achieving this objective;
6. Considers, however, that the Joint Commission will only succeed if it interprets its terms of reference with flexibility and boldness and accordingly invites the Joint Commission to seek ways of liberalizing trade and progressively adapting trade patterns and marketing structures *inter alia* through technological, scientific, industrial and financial cooperation;
7. Expresses the hope that the work of the Joint Commission will contribute to a resolution of the energy problems;
8. Calls, therefore, upon the Member States of the EEC to give the Joint Commission the active support which it will undoubtedly need in all these matters;
9. Approves also the sectoral agreements on jute and coir products;
10. Urges that the current negotiations for an agreement on cotton textiles be concluded without delay;
11. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No 209, 11. 12. 1965, p. 3120/65.

## RESOLUTION

on the Trade Agreement concluded between the EEC and the Federative Republic of Brazil

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Trade Agreement signed on 19 December 1973 between the EEC and the Federative Republic of Brazil,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 381/73),

1. Approves the Trade Agreement between the EEC and the Federative Republic of Brazil;
2. Welcomes the increasing development of economic and trade relations with the Latin-American countries which will result from the entry into force of the EEC-Brazil Agreement, following the Agreements signed with the Argentine and Uruguay;
3. Expresses the hope that, within the EEC-Brazil Joint Committee, the two parties will examine the possibilities for extending their cooperation to the financial and industrial sectors;
4. Invites the responsible committee to keep under review the development of trade and economic relations between the EEC and Brazil and to report to it on this subject in due course;
5. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

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## RESOLUTION

on the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic, signed on 18 December 1972, and to the Protocol to this Agreement signed on 6 November 1973,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 380/73),

1. Welcomes the signature of the EEC-Lebanon Agreement and the Protocol to this Agreement and approves its content;
2. Stresses the political importance of the Agreement as a means of implementing the global Mediterranean policy being formulated by the Community;
3. Approves the setting up of a Joint Committee under the Agreement and hopes that within this committee the two parties will consider ways and means of extending their cooperation to the financial sector;
4. Hopes that the Agreement will enter into force in the near future once the parties concerned have completed the ratification procedures;
5. Invites the appropriate committees to follow developments in commercial and economic relations between the EEC and the Lebanon and to report on this matter in due course;
6. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.



## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Sixth Directive on the harmonization of the legislation of Member States concerning turnover taxes — common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 144/73),
- having regard to Council Resolution of 22 March 1971 on the Economic and Monetary Union <sup>(2)</sup>,
- having regard to the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from Member States by the Communities' own resources (Article 4 et seq.) <sup>(3)</sup>,
- whereas a system of tax on added value is extremely simple and impartial provided it is imposed as universally as possible and its application covers all stages of production and distribution, and also services, and whereas it is thus in the interests of the common market and the Member States to adopt a common system which can also be applied to the retail trade,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 360/73),

### *A — General objectives of the Directive and their implications*

1. Has noted with great interest the proposal for a Sixth Directive and stresses the fundamental importance of further VAT harmonization, now that VAT has been introduced in all the Member States, for the continuing interpenetration of Member States' economies and as a prerequisite for the abolition of tax controls at internal frontiers;
2. Also wishes to stress the importance of harmonization of the basis of assessment for VAT in all Member States in connection with the Community's own resources from which the Community must be financed as from 1 January 1975; the latter is to include, besides customs duties and agricultural levies, a levy of not more than 1 per cent of revenue from VAT on goods and services, determined on a common basis of assessment;
3. Wonders whether the Commission is not pitching its demands too high; it lays down rules for a large number of special cases and has given the directive a less flexible character than the two previous ones had;
4. Notes, however, that the proposal for a Sixth Directive has been submitted too late in view of the fact that not only must the Community's procedure for adoption of the Directive be completed by 1 January 1975, but that legislation in the Member States must also be adapted by that date to take account of the provisions of the Directive, and, moreover, a certain period of time is required between the enactment of national laws and their enforcement — considering the nature of the VAT system — in order to give industry the opportunity to inform itself about the new regulations and to prepare for their application;
5. Notes that, partly due to postponement of deadlines in the context of Economic and Monetary Union and as a consequence of the Accession of new Member States, the provisions of Article 4 of the First Directive on the harmonization of legislation of Member States concerning turnover taxes of 11 April 1967, have not been put into effect: these state that 'the Commission shall submit to the Council, before the end of 1968, proposals as to how and within what period the harmonization of turnover taxes can achieve the aim of abolishing the imposition of tax on importation and the remission of tax on exportation in trade between Member States, while ensuring the neutrality of those taxes as regards the origin of the goods or services';

(1) OJ No C 80, 5. 10. 1973, p. 1.

(2) OJ No C 28, 27. 3. 1971, p. 1.

(3) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 19.

## B — *Own resources and VAT*

6. Recalls that the introduction of a system whereby the Community derives its own resources from taxation on value added tax (VAT) is not in itself a reason for raising national rates, as the Member States will at the same time be freed from their previous obligation to make a financial contribution;
7. Deems it necessary that all institutions of the Community and Member States should endeavour to provide precise information on the Community levy of VAT and its significance for Community development;
8. Endorses the Commission's proposals aimed at establishing for each national legislator a uniform area of application for VAT with respect to taxable persons, transactions liable to or exempt from tax, and the method of establishing criteria for collecting the tax;
9. Expresses the desire that the harmonized system should not contain a greater number of administrative constraints than are strictly necessary.
10. Believes in this respect that the periodical returns by taxable persons ought to be limited to a statement of the components on which the total tax liability can be assessed, without any calculations of the Community component of VAT, which will be undertaken by the tax authorities, on the basis of the figures included in the return;

## C — *Content of the proposals*

11. Feels that the Member States should be able to fix the period to which periodical returns relate, with a choice between one calendar month or one quarter; in exceptional cases the period could also be fixed at one year or six months;
12. Points out that exemptions (without right to deduction) are inevitable for social and practical reasons but — where the transactions concerned do not take place in the final stage — detract from the regular character of the VAT system since, if an entrepreneur is a buyer of exempted goods or services, the tax applied at an earlier stage is retained in the price of the entrepreneur's end product as supplied to the customer, which means that the turnover tax paid by the ultimate consumer is not exactly proportional to the price of the product or service (as stipulated in Article 2 of the First Directive); and considers that for this reason the number of exemptions to be provided for in the directive must remain limited;
13. Considers that zero rates do not vitiate the system of taxation and feels therefore that, provided the number of rates is restricted in principle to two, each Member State should be free to apply zero rates instead of a reduced rate; is of the opinion, however, that the percentage due as own resources should in any event still be levied on the basis of the turnover of goods and services to which the zero rate is applied;
14. Recognizes the need for a special scheme for small undertakings which should not be limited to a transitional period only, and feels that Member States should be free to apply this scheme on the basis of turnover or the amount of tax due, provided the total cost of such a scheme does not exceed an amount or percentage, to be fixed annually by the Council, of the yield;
15. Would like to see a flat-rate system for those farmers for whom book-keeping entails disproportionately high costs; such a system could be developed in line with the progress made by such farmers in clerical and accounting procedures and would have to be impartial, i.e. offering neither special advantages nor disadvantages to those concerned;
16. Endorses the proposal that the level of the tax burden applied at an earlier stage in the agricultural sector should be calculated by the Commission using a common method of calculation;
17. Considers further that, since the levy of tax on real estate is now regulated by the Community, Member States will have to adapt their legislations to prevent the occurrence — through national taxes on legal transactions — of double taxation;
18. Welcomes the fact that the Member States will grant reimbursement of VAT to entrepreneurs based abroad in cases where national entrepreneurs would be entitled to deduction, since the fact of placing national and foreign entrepreneurs on the same footing can help to bring about a truly common market and is, moreover, perfectly in line with the principles of VAT;

19. Is of the opinion that the utmost circumspection must be exercised in excluding from deduction tax imposed on goods and services which, although coming under normal running expenditure, can at the same time serve to satisfy personal requirements, and that careful consideration must always be given to whether the production or the consumer aspect of the goods in question should be put first;

20. Notes that the Value Added Tax Committee to be created under Article 29 has no legislative powers whatever and that committee procedure will have application only for the interpretation of legislation and harmonization of provisions for the application of the directive;

21. Expects the Commission to submit proposals in the near future on the control to be carried out by the Community to guarantee proper collection of the revenues due to the Community on the uniform basis of VAT assessment;

22. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to incorporate, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the Treaty, the following proposed amendments in its proposal;

23. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

on appropriate medium- and long-term measures for the further alleviation of the energy supply crisis in the European Community

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the basic position adopted by certain producer countries with regard to Community energy supplies, the consequent rise in the inflation rate, the related monetary and balance of payments difficulties, and the political inferences to be drawn from this situation,

1. Notes that without an adequate supply of energy from sources which are as secure as possible, Treaty objectives, and in particular those of the European Economic, cannot be achieved;

2. Feels that the latest difficulties in the supply of the Community with hydrocarbons are of a structural nature;

3. Considers it necessary for the energy policy of the Community and of its Member States to be guided by the principle of ensuring adequate supplies on the most permanent basis possible rather than by that of the cheapest supplies, since the adoption of the latter attitude in the past is partly to blame for the present situation;

4. Is therefore convinced that the Community must henceforth speak with one voice on energy policy and urges the Member States to follow the example of the ECSC Treaty and make the Community responsible for all sources of energy by amending the Treaties;

5. Regards the following medium- and long-term measures as examples of what can be done, but points out that the Community will have to be granted the necessary powers of coordination pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty in so far as it does not already have such powers under the Treaty; and therefore makes the following proposals;

6. As a prerequisite for the success of all the following measures the Common Customs Tariff rates on imported sources of energy should be flexible enough to ensure continued optimum production and sale of Community sources of energy;
7. Effective measures should be taken to prevent the wastage of energy, e.g. building standards should be changed to keep heat requirements as low as possible;
8. Existing collective and, where possible, individual oil-fired heating systems should be converted to indigenous sources of energy where the area served by the relevant supply network permits; outdated heating systems should be modernized by law, if necessary with social aid and tax relief; burners should be subject to periodic official checks to ensure that they are properly adjusted; the law relating to tenants and landlords should be extended with a view to replacing the flat-rate calculation of heating costs in respect of collective heating systems by prescribed methods of calculation directly related to consumption in order to interest the consumer in energy conservation;
9. People should be convinced of the advantages of changing their habits to reduce the consumption of sources of energy which are in short supply; fiscal measures should be taken to support this objective;
10. Existing natural-gas-fired power stations should be converted so that they can be changed over to coal in winter, while continuing to run on natural gas in summer;
11. Fiscal and other state concessions should be granted, at the planning, construction and operational stages, in respect of heat recovery systems for buildings and the more rapid extension of district heating systems using waste heat and heat recycling plants;
12. Personnel engaged in coal-mining should be employed in the most efficient manner; a study should be made to determine whether flexible working hours and an increase in the labour force would be possible with a view to improving production and whether such a move would be of interest to all concerned in the coal industry;
13. Greater efforts should be made in the fields of coal gasification and liquefaction and the sale of the resulting sources of energy; the European Parliament will be delivering a separate opinion on this subject;
14. The construction and operation of large nuclear-powered ships and of all electric trackless vehicles should be encouraged as far as possible;
15. The development and implementation of programmes for the construction of high-temperature and fast breeder reactors should be accelerated;
16. The network of energy transport, storage and distribution facilities should be improved with a view to saving energy; research to this end should be encouraged;
17. Prospecting for new sources of energy in areas that appear politically safe should be speeded up by suitable technical and economic policy means;
18. A systematic search should be made for locations in the Community which are suitable in the light of present price trends for the construction of hydro-electric power stations of all kinds (run-of-river, pumped storage, tidal); a list of such locations should be published;
19. Legal and financial support should also be provided to make building sites available for the construction of energy production plants based on Community energy sources; in selecting sites for energy production plants of all types, due account should be taken of compelling environmental considerations and of safety, but this should not result in obstruction to prevent the use of sites for this purpose;
20. Continued development and construction of land, sea or air combustion engines with a low consumption of hydrocarbon derivatives should be promoted;
21. The Commission and Member States should look into the possibility of generally introducing summer time in conjunction with the division throughout the year of the Community into time zones that make it possible to save energy;

22. The Commission should draw up proposals on economic and financial policy measures to induce energy producers to increase supplies;
23. The Commission should determine what possibilities exist for the creation with appropriate financial means of an international energy research programme with the USA and Japan on the model of the COST agreement to discover coordinated alternatives to the Middle East oil which is no longer being supplied;
24. Implementation should be backed up by a mathematical model to permit with the aid of a computer the analysis of the various possibilities for economic and civil development open to Member States on the basis of alternative sources of energy;
25. Electricity should be generated with the aid of nuclear reactors in as large quantities as possible without harm to the environment and used in conjunction with that generated by coal-fired power plants, whose number should be increased as far as possible; at the same time and within the given limits both the construction of uranium enrichment facilities and the utilization of the waste heat occurring during the generation of electricity in nuclear power stations should be encouraged;
26. The coal-mining industry in the European Community should be asked to submit to the Commission as soon as possible a long-term plan of investment, employment and production and to state what production objectives can be achieved;
27. The search for new sources of energy and research into the better utilization and recovery of used energy should be given generous support so that the funds expended are at least equivalent to those invested in nuclear research;
28. The transport policy should also be adapted to the structural change in the energy sector; consequently, public short- and long-distance transport capacities should be increased and made more attractive than hitherto; the electrification of railways should be encouraged, the necessary electricity being generated from coal and nuclear power; there should be an increase in the possibilities and attractiveness of transporting road vehicles of all kinds over long distances by rail; where this is not possible, steps should be taken to ensure adequate fuel supplies to road transport in the public interest; this also applies to scheduled public air transport; air transport should be rationalized and coordinated as far as possible and water transport should be increased;
29. Longer use and re-employment of manufactured products, recycling and re-utilization of waste following processing would make it possible to economize on raw materials, while at the same time furthering the campaign against pollution and deterioration of the environment;
30. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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## RESOLUTION

on the execution of Salvador Puig Antich

*The European Parliament,*

- moved by the dramatic events which have recently taken place in Spain,
- proclaiming the sanctity of human life and its horror at any recourse to assassination even for political motives, whether on the part of States or individual citizens,
- reaffirming the validity of the principles of the Charter of Human Rights according to which no citizen can be deprived of his citizenship on political grounds,
- denouncing the recourse by dictatorships to the use of special courts to try opponents of the régime in power,

— in the light of the execution of Salvador Puig Antich, who was tried by special courts, and of the threatened expulsion from Spain of the Bishop of Bilbao by the Spanish Government and of the political reasons on which this measure was to have been based.

1. Declares that the Accession of Spain to the European Community is being hindered by repeated violations on the part of the Spanish Government of fundamental human rights and the fundamental rights of the citizen and its contempt for the democratic rights of minorities in a Europe which is seeking its own free and democratic path towards unity;

2. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the governments of the Member States.

### RESOLUTION

on the results of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Parliamentary Conference of the EEC/  
AASM Association (Rome, 30 January to 1 February 1974)

*The European Parliament,*

— referring to its resolutions of 20 January 1965 <sup>(1)</sup>, 11 March 1966 <sup>(2)</sup>, 15 March 1967 <sup>(3)</sup>, 22 January 1968 <sup>(4)</sup>, 4 March 1969 <sup>(5)</sup>, 12 March 1970 <sup>(6)</sup>, 17 May 1971 <sup>(7)</sup>, 17 March 1972 <sup>(8)</sup> and 6 June 1973 <sup>(9)</sup>,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 406/73),

1. Endorses the conclusions reached by the Parliamentary Conference of the EEC/AASM Association in its resolution adopted 1 February 1973 in Rome;

2. Reaffirms its belief in the value of the Association in view of the profound historical ties between Europe and Africa and the importance of the two continents maintaining as constructive a contact as possible in the modern era;

3. Draws attention to the Community's intention of establishing an overall aid policy on a worldwide basis and to the steps it has already taken in this direction and states its belief that this policy and the association policy are complementary to each other;

4. Nevertheless regrets with the Conference the fact that the Associated States have not been able to receive compensation for the loss of their exclusive access to the common market by means of a guarantee of free access to other industrial countries in particular the United States;

5. Notes with satisfaction that 44 States are currently negotiating with the Community and wishes to point out that in addition to bringing in countries outside Africa, namely in the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean and the Pacific, thereby holding out a prospect for a broader base for the Community's Association policy, this also brings up the number of African States negotiating to the full number of those in independent black Africa;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No 20, 6. 2. 1965, p. 281-65.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No 53, 24. 3. 1966, p. 778-66.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No 63, 3. 4. 1967, p. 975-67.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No C 10, 14. 2. 1968, p. 5.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No C 41, 1. 4. 1969, p. 5.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ No C 40, 3. 4. 1970, p. 43.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ No C 35, 3. 6. 1971, p. 5.

<sup>(8)</sup> OJ No C 36, 12. 4. 1972, p. 42.

<sup>(9)</sup> OJ No C 49, 28. 6. 1973, p. 25.

6. Repeats its expressed wish that the new agreement should be completed in time for ratification before 1 January 1975, and accordingly invites the Council to complete the Commission's negotiating mandate in order to avoid any delay being attributable to the Community;
7. Notes the concern which dominated the conference respecting the consequences of recent disturbing and epochal economic developments;
8. Notes the view of the conference that the traditional rules of free trade prevailing in the relations between industrialized and developing countries have received a severe setback in recent months, and the wish expressed by the conference that trade should be organized on a more balanced and equitable basis; in particular notes its view that cooperation between the exporters and importers of primary commodities is desirable.
9. Notes the extremely serious situation in which developing countries find themselves who have no means of compensating for the rise in price of certain raw materials, in particular oil, and who must also expect to pay more in due course for their imports of manufactured products;
10. Notes that problems on such a scale cannot be alleviated by Europe alone, particularly in view of her reduced possibilities, and accordingly expresses the hope that broader machinery to include oil producing countries with substantial surplus revenues, can be established for development purposes;
11. Recognizes nevertheless, the more so in view of recent events, that it is important for Europe to apply her aid selectively, in particular to those in most need, and notes in this respect that with 17 out of the 25 poorest countries being included among the Associated and Associable States, the Association with its established structures can play a significant part towards the realization of this objective;
12. Believes also that developing countries will have to be more closely associated with attempts to solve international problems, such as for example international monetary problems;
13. Recalls its resolutions of 7 and 11 May 1973 <sup>(1)</sup>, and of 11 December 1973 <sup>(2)</sup> and expresses its appreciation to the Council of the Communities for the supplementary help given to the Sahel countries and Ethiopia, the major portion of which is devoted to essential structural actions;
14. Draws attention to the fact that the situation in the drought stricken countries continues to be extremely serious and addresses an urgent appeal for further efforts to be made by the Community, its Member States, international and non-governmental organizations most immediately by making available aircraft for the transport of supplies within the countries concerned;
15. Requests its President to forward this Resolution, together with the report, to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Presidents of Parliaments in the Associated African States and Madagascar and Mauritius, and to the members of the Parliamentary Conference of the Association.

(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No C 37, 4. 6. 1973.

(<sup>2</sup>) OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Decision on the setting up of a general committee on safety at work
- II. a Decision to confer on the Mines Safety and Health Commission the task of continuing its preventative action in the field of safety at work in the whole range of extractive industries

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (73) 2029 fin.),

— consulted by the Council (Doc. 305/73),

— having regard to the report by the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 384/73),

1. Welcomes these proposals, which comply with some of the requests made in its resolutions on the tenth report of the Mines Safety and Health Commission;
  2. Agrees that the working population is the mainspring of development in the Community and that it should be safeguarded for humanitarian and economic reasons;
  3. Agrees that a body with power of initiative is necessary to ensure close cooperation and exchanges of experience leading to the choice of the best professional practices;
  4. Is concerned about the frequency of fatal accidents in extractive industries, which is higher in these industries than in any other;
  5. Calls upon the Commission of the European Communities to recruit immediately adequate staff to cope with the increase in volume of work necessitated by these Decisions;
  6. Invites the Commission to adopt the following modifications pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the Treaty establishing the EEC;
  7. Calls upon its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission of the European Communities incorporates the amendments proposed by the European Parliament and to report back to it if necessary;
  8. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.
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## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons and their families moving within the Community, and on the supplement to this proposal

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 347/73 and Doc. 347/73/Suppl.),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 405/73),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Nevertheless invites the Commission to incorporate into a single complete text all the Community provisions in force in the sector of social security for migrant workers, from the basic Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 up to the latest provisions introduced;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 27, 15. 3. 1974, p. 1.

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## RESOLUTION

on the Convention setting up a European University Institute

*The European Parliament,*

- aware of the need to provide a firm and durable basis for cultural ties between the peoples of Europe on the one hand and between Europe and the other civilizations of the world on the other,
- convinced that greater understanding of the cultural affinity existing between the peoples of Europe constitutes an essential condition of true political unity in Europe, and can therefore help to establish more stable international relations,
- having regard to the importance of a harmonious development of science and education for the increasingly necessary training of European citizens,
- drawing attention to the final communiqués issued at the Summit Conferences of Heads of State or Government held in Bonn in 1961 and in The Hague in 1969, in which the importance attached to the setting up of a European University Institute is confirmed,
- having regard to the results, of great importance for the creation of a European University Institute, of the 174th meeting of the Council of the European Communities of 16 November 1971, at which the Ministers of Education of the Member States were gathered together for the first time,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 396/73),

— having regard to the reports drawn up by its responsible committees on the setting up of a European University, namely <sup>(1)</sup>:

- (a) the report by Mr Geiger on the structure of the European University,
- (b) the interim report by Mr Janssens on the question of setting up a European University (Doc. 19/64),
- (c) the report by Mr Schuijt on the Europeanizing of the universities,
- (d) the report by Mr Hougardy on youth and education policy within the framework of the European Communities, and the resolutions adopted by the European Parliament in connection with these reports <sup>(2)</sup>.

1. Is pleased that the Convention setting up a European University Institute was signed on 19 April 1972 by the original Member States of the Community; expects the Convention to be ratified promptly by all the original Member States, so that the Institute can really start its activities in the autumn of 1974;

2. Deplores the fact that, in spite of repeated urging by the European Parliament, the Convention establishes no clear institutional link between the European University Institute and the European Communities;

3. Expresses the wish that the Governments of the Member States should at an early date take the necessary steps to actively involve the Institutions of the European Communities in the administration and functioning of the European University Institute, so that it may acquire a genuinely Community character in keeping with the comprehensive task which it is expected, as a European Institute, to fulfil in the field of European integration;

4. <sup>2</sup> Therefore proposes:

- (a) that, in anticipation of the Community financing envisaged in Article 19 (2) of the Convention, a procedure should be established whereby the Commission of the European Communities is given a say in the general administration of the Institute;
- (b) that the representatives of the Member States, sitting in the High Council, should inform the European Parliament at least once a year of the progress of the Institute's activities and of all important decisions ~~taken~~ as regards the policy to be pursued;
- (c) that contacts should, moreover, be established between the European Parliament and the European University Institute, which would, however, in no way derogate from the autonomy of the Institute;

5. Expects the groups of heads of department, of professors attached to the Institute, of other members of the teaching staff and of research workers to belong to the Academic Council in equal numbers to ensure that all members of the University are adequately represented and have an equitable say in the running of the Institute; expects also every member of the Academic Council to have a vote on all decisions, which should be taken by a majority vote.

6. Considers unsatisfactory the present arrangement as outlined in the Convention, whereby the Institute is merely accorded the status of a study and research centre for post-graduates, and desires that the Institute should in time be expanded to become a university with a broader range of faculties, open also to students who have not already completed a university course;

7. Strongly urges that the Community should take steps promptly, within the framework of a Community education policy, to increase the mobility of professors, scientific research workers and students, as also to promote a common system of scholarships and the mutual recognition of diplomas;

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<sup>(1)</sup> Doc. 40/60, Doc. 19/64, Doc. 111/69, Doc. 232/71.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No 49, 27. 7. 1960; OJ No 421, 27. 5. 1964; OJ No 139, 28. 10. 1969; and OJ No 19, 18. 2. 1972.

8. Considers that the principle of non-discrimination on the basis of nationality (Article 7 of the EEC Treaty) in the appointment of professors and lecturers and in the admission of students to the Institute should be expressly affirmed in the Convention and feels, moreover, that it is important that the Convention should guarantee that none of the official languages of the Institute are discriminated against;

9. Desires that an appropriate form of cooperation be established with the European College in Bruges which allows the autonomy and individual character of both institutions to be strictly respected and whose purpose is to harmonize the activities and scientific research of both Institutions so as to promote the fruitful study of European integration;

10. Points out that the importance of the European University Institute must not remain confined to Europe, so that the provision of Article 2 of the Convention: 'the work of the Institute shall take into account relations with cultures outside Europe' does not remain a dead letter and consequently desires that the Institute should open its doors from the very start to professors and students from third countries;

11. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments of the Member States.

#### RESOLUTION

on the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of Member States' legislation on cosmetic products

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (73) 1733 fin.),

— having regard to the supplementary report of the Commission on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 383/73),

1. Refers to its resolution of 6 July 1973 <sup>(1)</sup> on the Commission's original proposal,

2. Regrets that the Commission has failed to take note of two important proposals for amendments contained therein;

3. Firmly insists that the Commission takes into account its demands as regards the implementation of the system of compulsory positive lists of cosmetic products within the next five years;

4. Requests the Commission, pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty, to submit to the Council a further amended proposal taking into account the two important points made by the European Parliament concerning public health and consumer policy;

5. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 62, 31. 7. 1973, p. 43.

## RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the organization of an intermediate survey as part of the programme of surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 209 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 167/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 400/73),

1. Approves the scheme, as now clearly set out in the Commission's proposal, to hold certain random surveys in the EEC between the FAO censuses of all agricultural holdings held every ten years, and to put the results of both statistical activities to Community use;

2. Is therefore emphatically of the opinion that a decision of such a fundamental and lasting nature should not be cast in the form of a Directive but, as in 1966, in the form of a Regulation;

3. States its belief that the implementation of the common agricultural policy depends in large measure on the availability of recent statistical data and therefore urges the Commission to ensure, by strict application of the provisions now proposed, that, otherwise than was the case with the first programme, the data collected in the Member States be immediately passed on in future to the competent Community authorities;

4. Avails itself of this opportunity to urgently request the Council and Commission to take the necessary steps to ensure that statistical information is transmitted in a standardized form in all sections of Community activity;

5. Urges, for the same reason, that the entire proposed programme now be actually carried out;

6. Subscribes to the views presented in the opinion of the Committee on Budgets attached to this report;

7. Gives its approval, subject to the remarks made above to the Commission's proposal and therefore requests the Commission to make the changes indicated below to its original proposal, pursuant to Article 149 of the Treaty establishing the EEC;

8. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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(1) OJ No C 92, 31. 10. 1973. p. 22.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive supplementary to Council Directive No 71/286/EEC of 26 July 1971 concerning statistical surveys to be carried out by Member States to determine the production capacity of certain fruit-tree plantations

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 346/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 385/73),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Urges the Commission, however, to bring pressure to bear on the Member States to ensure that the new deadlines are strictly observed;
3. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 13, 12. 2. 1974, p. 8.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concerning the system of trade with third countries in the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 345/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 401/73),

1. Notes that this proposal provides for the possible replacement of national quantitative import restrictions by import floor prices in the final agricultural sector, namely that of preserved fruit and vegetables;
2. Points out that this measure of liberalization has considerable economic implications and has necessitated long and complicated preparations and therefore requested the European Commission to draw up annual reports in future on the working of the system with a view to determining whether adaptations are desirable;
3. Approves the Commission's proposal;
4. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 13, 12. 2. 1974, p. 9.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the amendment to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 as regards the definition of liqueur wine and of certain grape musts

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the amendment to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 371/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 392/73),

1. Approves the proposal for a Regulation;
2. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 20, 5. 3. 1974, p. 6.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3574/73 of 27 December 1973 on the total or partial suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural products originating in Turkey

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 398/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 404/73),

1. Approves the proposal for a Regulation;
2. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 20, 5. 3. 1974, p. 8.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on special excise duties and indirect taxes other than VAT, directly or indirectly affecting the consumption of products

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (1),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 4772) pursuant to the Treaty establishing the EEC, and in particular Articles 99 and 100 thereof,
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 342/73),
- having regard to the Opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture,

1. Believes that harmonization of special excise duties as proposed by the Commission could contribute to the progressive achievement of economic and monetary union;
2. Considers that the measures proposed by the Commission could create uniform conditions of competition which discrepancies in existing tax systems have so far prevented;
3. Is of the opinion that the list of special excise duties proposed by the Commission for maintenance and harmonization in the outline directive under review may be regarded as a good first step, particularly in view of the possibility of harmonizing other special excise duties by 1980;
4. Considers that, in deciding which taxes are to be maintained, it is desirable to take account not only of the tax yield, but also of other factors;
5. Points out that harmonization of special excise duties also implies progressive abolition of individual excise duties that are often of only local importance or do not exist in all the Member States, and in this connection calls upon the Commission to submit appropriate proposals which can only enhance the prestige of the Community, especially as the loss of fiscal revenue involved may be regarded as acceptable to most Member States;
6. Deplores the fact that the envisaged harmonization of tax structures falls short of the achievement of free movement of the products concerned between Member States and urges the Commission to submit a stage-by-stage plan, complete with a time schedule, which should also cover the harmonization of excise duty rates;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(1) OJ No C 43, 29. 4. 1972, p. 23.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on a harmonized excise duty on wine

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council in an instance in which consultation is not obligatory (Doc. 4/72),
  - having regard to the report by the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 26/74),
  - having regard to the Opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture,
1. Considers that the amount of revenue from excise duty levied on wine in certain Member States may be regarded as negligible in comparison with the total tax revenue of these Member States;
  2. Considers that the introduction of an excise duty on wine in other Member States would not be justified, on the one hand because the tax revenue produced would be too small, and on the other because the exercise of the necessary fiscal controls would cost too much;
  3. Notes that one of the Member States abolished excise duty on wine only a few years ago;
  4. Considers that the reasons indicated in the proposal for a Directive in favour of a harmonized excise duty on wine do not in themselves justify the introduction of such a duty in the other Member States;
  5. Shares the Commission's view that the existence of an excise duty on wine in certain Member States only may distort competition in intra-Community trade;
  6. Invites the Commission to submit fresh proposals for the abolition of excise duty on wine in the Member States where it exists;
  7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 43, 29. 4. 1972, p. 23.

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## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the harmonization of excise duties on alcohol

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council in an instance where such consultation was not mandatory (Doc. 4/72),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 15/74),
- having regard to the Opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 43, 29. 4. 1972, p. 25.



1. Considers that the Commission's proposal will lead to a progressive harmonization of excise duties on alcohol in the Member States;
2. Emphasizes the considerable fiscal importance of excise duties on alcohol in all the Member States;
3. Consequently proposes the retention of this duty which is also desirable for reasons of public health;
4. Invites the Commission to formulate without delay, after the Excise Committee has been set up, proposals designed to eliminate certain elements affecting in various ways the cost price of alcoholic beverages in Member States and so having an unfavourable impact upon competition, such as the various regulations relating to the lodging of deposits in cases of deferred payment of the excise, time limits for payment, control regulations, etc;
5. Welcomes the fact that the tax is to be applied to alcoholic beverages only and that other products or means of production in particular medicaments, are to be exempt — a fact which brings out clearly the reasons of public health motivating this tax;
6. Regrets, however, that the Articles of the Directive do not give clear expression to the notion of tax exemption for industries using alcohol as a primary or auxiliary ingredient and suggests that the proposal be amended accordingly;
7. Is of the opinion that the harmonization of excise duties on alcohol is necessary only to the extent that present regulations distort competition in trade between the Member States, and accordingly declares its support for special arrangements without any special time limit for the taxation of products of small-scale distilleries of purely local importance;
8. Regrets that harmonization limited for the time being to fiscal structures, which will have few economic repercussions, will not eliminate inequalities of competition;
9. Asks the Commission to concentrate in particular upon the harmonization at an early date of taxation rates;
10. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty;
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the excise arrangements applicable to mixed beverages**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council in an instance where consultation was not obligatory (Doc. 4/72),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 27/74),
- having regard to the Opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 43, 29. 4. 1972, p. 23.

1. Takes the view that excise duties should only be harmonized in cases where the functioning of the common market calls for such action;
2. Notes that at present the importance of mixed beverages in the Member States of the Community is extremely slight;
3. Does not share the Commission's view that this Directive, which rounds off the harmonization of excise duties, is at present necessary;
4. Believes it possible that a harmonization of the excise duties on mixed beverages may become necessary at a later date;
5. Therefore rejects this Commission proposal for a Directive;
6. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the harmonization of excise duties on beer

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 4/72-IV),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 378/73),
  - having regard to the Opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs,
1. Considers that this proposal for a Directive is a first important step towards the harmonization of excise duties on beer;
  2. Is of the opinion that harmonization of the structure of excise duties on beer must be followed soon by harmonization of the rates, without prejudice to simplification of indirect taxation in the medium term by the abolition of excise duties;
  3. Considers that in the immediate future excise duties on beer may be maintained but that, in accordance with the proposal from the Commission, they must apply to beer and not to beer wort;
  4. Shares the Commission's view that certain exceptional arrangements can be retained;
  5. Approves, subject to the following modifications, the proposal from the Commission of the Communities for a Directive;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 43, 29. 4. 1972, p. 37ff.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision setting up a Committee on Excise Duties

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 4/72-VI),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 379/73),
  - having regard to the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs,
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Asks to be kept regularly informed of the work of the proposed committee;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 43, 29. 4. 1972, p. 23.

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## RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on:

- I. a report from the Commission to the Council on work done in connection with the difficulties encountered in the operation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1174/68 of 30 July 1968 on the introduction of a system of bracket tariffs for the carriage of goods by road between Member States
- II. a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1174/68 on the introduction of a system of bracket tariffs for the carriage of goods by road between Member States

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the report and proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 301/73),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 19/74),
1. Notes that in the opinion of the Commission the bracket tariff system for the carriage of goods by road between Member States has still not been in existence long enough for definitive conclusions to be drawn which could lead to the setting up of permanent proposals in this field;
  2. Asks the Commission to submit proposals for a definitive system as soon as possible;

<sup>(1)</sup> COM(73) 2020 fin. and OJ No C 8, 31. 1. 1974, p. 27.

3. Considers that the amendments proposed by the Commission to Regulation (EEC) No 1174/68 will lead to a more efficient operation of its provisions;
4. Urges the Commission to present, as soon as possible, its report to the Council on the checking procedures and the organization and operation of the supervisory machinery in relation to tariff rules for the carriage of goods by road;
5. Invites the Commission to adopt the following amendment, pursuant to Article 149 of the Treaty establishing the EEC;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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### RESOLUTION

on emergency measures for the Sahel countries

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the news that the food supply situation in the Sahel countries and Ethiopia is even more critical than it was in 1973,
  - recalling the considerable special funds made available from the budget of the Communities to cope with any recurrence of such a situation,
  - deploring the fact that large quantities of foodstuffs which could help considerably to alleviate the present catastrophe are being held up in certain African ports
1. Draws the attention of the Commission and Council of the European Communities and the Governments of the Member States to the imperative need to take all the necessary measures, without delay and regardless of cost, to mitigate the effects of the present famine in these countries from considerations of human solidarity alone;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Council of the EEC/AASM Association for its information.

### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation supplementing Regulation (EEC) No 2142/70 as regards the treatment to be applied to the imports of carp and trout

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 375/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 16/74),

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 35, 28. 3. 1974, p. 67.

1. Approves the proposal from the Commission;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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**RESOLUTION**

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making up by weight or by volume of certain prepackaged products

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 241/73),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 382/73),
1. Approves in principle the present proposal for a Directive;
  2. Considers, however, that the present directive should replace national legislation;
  3. Invites the Commission of the European Communities to adopt the following amendment pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
  4. Calls upon its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission of the European Communities complies with the demand made in this resolution, and to report back to it where appropriate;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 110, 13. 12. 1973, p. 56.

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**RESOLUTION**

on the future sugar policy of the Community with particular reference to imports of sugar from the developing countries and in the light of the Commission's memorandum of 12 July 1973

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals in the Memorandum of the Commission to the Council (COM(73) 1177),

- having regard to the moral commitment to safeguard the interests of the sugar-producing, less developed countries and the commitment contained in the accession Treaty (Protocol 22 III, Mauritius, Fiji, Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, Guyana, Swaziland, East Africa, Congo/Brazzaville, Malagasy) Article 118 (St. Kitts, Belize, Surinam) and the Declaration relating to trade with India,
  - having regard to the negotiations with the Protocol No 22 countries at present in progress which ought to be concluded during the first half of 1974, in order to allow ratification by Member States before the expiry of the existing Agreements,
  - in view therefore of the need for the Community to establish its sugar policy, both as to the volume of imports of cane sugar from the countries mentioned above and as to the details of the new domestic arrangements to supersede the present sugar regime which is due to expire in June 1975,
  - bearing in mind the inability of the Community to agree a sugar policy which contributed to the failure of the United Nations Conference to negotiate a new International Sugar Agreement with economic provisions,
  - bearing in mind that in deciding its future attitude with regard to its position on the world sugar market, the EEC should be guided by the share it has in responsibility for world food supplies,
  - having regard to the second interim report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and to the opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 32/74),
1. Believes that the Community should guarantee access for imports of 1.4 m tons of cane sugar per annum from the developing countries referred to above;
  2. Considers that the price at which this quantity is imported should be such as to assure reasonable export earnings to the producer countries;
  3. Considers that the proposed commitment by the Commission to guarantee access for imports of 1.4 m tons from the developing countries referred to above should be matched by a commitment by these countries to supply such quantities; failure to do so by one country could be made good by additional supplies from one or more of the other developing countries involved, depending on their capacity to export;
  4. Considers, however, in view on the one hand of recent developments on the world market in primary products, and on the other hand of the fact that no new World International Sugar Agreement will be reached in the immediate future, that it would be premature at this juncture to interfere with regard to the substance of the EEC's future internal sugar policy;
  5. Abides by its previous view that the Community should participate in a new World Sugar Agreement. In the meantime, the Community should pursue a production and marketing policy that ensures Community supplies, taking into account the world market situation and points 1, 2 and 8 of this resolution;
  6. Considers that exports of beet sugar from the Community should in times of surplus be limited in accordance with agreed quotas and in reference to a world price, under the terms of an International Sugar Agreement to be signed by the Community. This Agreement should be signed by the producing countries in order to achieve a balanced market;
  7. Considers that there should be reasonable refining margins, both for beet and cane sugar, which could be adjusted, if necessary, annually;
  8. Invites the Commission to make further proposals:
    - (a) regarding the need for reserve stocks;
    - (b) on the provision of food aid in the form of sugar at a level geared to acknowledged requirements;
    - (c) for help from the Regional Development and Social Funds for any who lose their employment in the refining of cane or beet sugar within the Community;

9. Considers that, if sugar cane production were to increase in those countries in which it constitutes the main source of income, these countries should be helped, where practicable, to establish a refining industry of their own rather than allowing this additional production to increase the manufacturing potential of the industrialized countries;

10. Invites its committees to continue considering these matters and to report thereon in due course;

11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the harmonization of the laws relating to vehicle driving licences,

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,  
— having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 161/72-I),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 45/74),

— considering that road traffic conditions are becoming increasingly difficult and dangerous,

— stresses that a safer and more expeditious traffic flow can be achieved by measures covering not simply infrastructure but also especially drivers,

1. Welcomes accordingly the proposed Directive from the Commission for the approximation of the laws on vehicle driving licences;

2. Points out that a uniform procedure for the issue of driving licences will make easier their mutual recognition as well as the free movement of persons and freedom of establishment in the transport sector;

3. Approves the choice of a standard driving licence in conformity with the model proposed by the International Road Traffic Convention but would like to see the English designation 'driving licence' added to the French 'permis de conduire' on the cover page;

4. Considers, as regards categories of vehicles requiring a driving licence, that a driving licence should be required to drive cycles with an auxiliary motor and motor cycles with or without sidecar constructed for a speed not exceeding 45 km/h;

5. Considers that the licence issued for driving a motor car should not be valid for driving a motor cycle;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 119, 16. 11. 1972, p. 1.

6. Considers that the minimum age for obtaining a licence for motor cars and for motor cycles with a maximum design speed exceeding 45 km/h should be 18 except for nationals of Member States which currently have a lower age limit. In the case of such States the present minimum age should continue in force for a period of five years from the coming into effect of this Directive. During this period the Commission should carry out a comprehensive survey into the comparative accident rates among drivers of 17 and 18 years of age before coming to a final decision on the minimum age;
7. Considers that authorization to drive agricultural tractors should be given from the age of 16 instead of 21, but that this lower age limit should not be extended to other vehicles classed in the same category 'F' (motor vehicles for public works); suggests therefore that this category should be split;
8. Considers that the precise nature of the practical, theoretical and medical examinations provided for in the proposed directive should only be determined after the Commission has had an opportunity of consulting the appropriate national and international organizations;
9. Invites the Commission when considering the frequency of medical examinations to pay special attention to the requirements for drivers of heavy vehicles and public transport vehicles;
10. Considers that Article 7 of the proposed Directive, which relates to novice drivers, should form part of a further directive which would cover both learner and novice drivers;
11. Accordingly considers that as soon as possible, and in any event within one year of the adoption of this Directive, the Commission should submit a draft Directive to the Council containing common rules to apply to novice drivers and to learner drivers;
12. Notes the Commission's intention to submit proposals to the Council in the near future for uniform rules for assessing offences objectively by means of a scale of numbers relating to their gravity, and for determining the circumstances in which driving licences may be suspended, withdrawn or restored;
13. Considers that uniform rules of this kind will enable Member States to exchange information on the basis of registers of drivers which will help in the campaign against persistent offenders;
14. Considers, as regards the suspension or withdrawal of driving licences, that such suspension should be carried out by the Member State which issued the licence to the person concerned on the request of the Member State in which the offence took place and that the licence holder should be given facilities to make representations in his own Member State before the competent issuing authority;
15. Approves the proposed Directive in the realization that while it may be high, the cost involved is still low compared with the increasing cost of traffic accidents, not only in human but also in financial terms;
16. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal in accordance with Article 149, second paragraph, of the Treaty establishing the EEC;
17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.



## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for four Directives concerning the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to:

1. the installation of lighting and light signalling devices on motor vehicles and trailers
2. fog lights for motor vehicles
3. the external projections of motor vehicles
4. reflex reflecting devices for motor vehicles and their trailers

### *The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 332/73, 333/73, 341/73, 348/73),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport and the opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 44/74),
  - considering that the trade circles concerned have generally been consulted by the Commission when drawing up its proposals for Directives;
  - considering that the Commission has referred <sup>(2)</sup> to the results of the work carried out by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva, in which the Member States participated,
  - recalling that it has already stressed the need to limit the period of applicability of the 'optional' system for road-safety reasons and that there is a need for unified Community legislation <sup>(3)</sup>,
1. Demands that the Council adopt these important proposals for directives as soon as possible;
  2. Considers that the 'optional' system introduced in the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council should be applicable for a limited period only so that unified Community legislation for all the Member States can be enacted at a later stage;
  3. Invites the Commission to incorporate in its proposals the following amendments pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph of the EEC Treaty;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> COM (73) 2024 fin., and OJ No C 35, 28. 3. 1974, pp. 32, 23 and 45.

<sup>(2)</sup> Doc. 333/73/Ann., Doc. 341/73/Ann., Doc. 348/73/Ann.

The work of the Economic Commission for Europe is insufficiently advanced to be used as a model for Doc. 332/73; the Economic Commission for Europe will instead use the Council Directive as a reference source.

<sup>(3)</sup> Resolution published in OJ No C 160, 18. 12. 1969, p. 8.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the draft for a Council resolution on guidelines for the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications by virtue of Article 57 of the EEC Treaty

*European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (74) 254 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 23/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth and the Opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 43/74),

1. Strongly deplores the Council's delay in adopting the numerous Commission proposals for Directives concerning freedom of establishment and the recognition of degrees and diplomas, on which Parliament delivered Opinions months, indeed even years ago;
2. Appreciates the Commission's endeavours to evolve the broad lines for the mutual recognition of degrees and diplomas with a view to accelerating the adoption of the relevant Directives;
3. Approves the broad lines proposed, particularly the idea that Directives for the mutual recognition of professional qualifications and the coordination of conditions of access to the professions should resort as little as possible to the prescription of detailed training requirements;
4. Suggests that, subject to each Member State's internal regulations, the freedom of establishment and the mutual recognition of degrees and diplomas should be introduced without delay in respect of those self-employed persons pursuing the professions referred to in the various draft Directives who wish to enter group practice in a Member State other than their country of origin;
5. Believes that the public interest requires that educational standards should not be lowered but should in fact be improved by the most advanced methods;
6. Approves the idea of setting up an advisory committee, on condition that its members include teachers and practitioners of the relevant professions;
7. Supports unreservedly the principle which it has itself upheld, that mutual recognition of professional qualifications should be extended to employed persons;
8. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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## RESOLUTION

on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on education in the European Community

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 23/74, Annex <sup>(1)</sup>),

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<sup>(1)</sup> COM (74) 253 fin.

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 52/74),

1. Draws attention to the report drawn up on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee on youth and education policy in the European Communities and to the resolution adopted on the basis of this report, and reiterates the demands made in them <sup>(1)</sup>;
2. Takes the view that education is destined to play a special role in the process of European unification;
3. Welcomes the intentions expressed in the communication from the Commission on the promotion of cooperation in education in the Community;
4. Believes that this planned cooperation will help greatly to overcome Europe's present backwardness in the scientific field;
5. Recommends to the Commission that its proposed educational measures should include the promotion of a common awareness of the European historical heritage;
6. Appeals to the Council of Ministers responsible to adopt the draft resolution contained in the Memorandum submitted by the Commission, taking into account the following amendment, to enable the Commission to work out practical proposals without any further delay;
7. Approves the Commission's proposal to set up a European Committee for Educational Cooperation, subject to the amendments set out below;
8. Urges the Commission of the European Communities to incorporate these amendments in its proposals;
9. Considers it necessary that all the possibilities afforded by the Treaties of Rome and Paris should be utilized to the full for the development of a coherent policy on youth, education and culture, and that new initiatives should also be taken on the basis of the resolution adopted by the European Parliament on the agreement setting up a European University Institute in Florence <sup>(2)</sup>, and having regard to the need to safeguard the European cultural heritage and also to set up a European Youth Forum;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 19, 28. 2. 1972, p. 20 et seq.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, pp. 69 and 70.

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#### RESOLUTION

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a resolution on the creation of European uranium enrichment capacities

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (SEC(73) 4065 fin.),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 38/74),
- referring to its resolution on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a resolution on the creation of a Community uranium enrichment capacity <sup>(1)</sup>,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 19, 12. 4. 1973, p. 42.

1. Recalls the need — further accentuated by the current crisis to limit the dependence of the Community in the energy sector, in particular by diversifying sources of supply;
2. Stresses that the development of the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes can meet this need, on condition that sufficient fuel is available;
3. Agrees with the Commission that the foreseeable development of the enriched uranium market demands the creation of a European uranium enrichment capacity;
4. Regrets that, in the preparatory stages of the decision-making process, the promoters of the two existing techniques for isotopic separation did not consider it necessary to arrange for any consultation at Community level, and hopes for an improved consultation procedure in future;
5. Considers that, given their respective technical development potential, the two techniques for uranium enrichment should be further developed after ensuring equal chances for all against a background of free competition as regards construction and operation;
6. Hopes that notwithstanding free competition and the possible use of a new technique leading to the stage-by-stage construction of gaseous diffusion plants — as is already possible with the gas centrifuge — the risk of enriched uranium overproduction will be limited as far as possible;
7. Believes that the stock-piling made necessary by possible over-production must remain the responsibility of the producers concerned, and should not be financed by the Community on the principle of the supranationalization of losses;
8. Considers that circumstances justify the principle of users giving preference — during a specific period and assuming equal economic conditions — to European uranium enrichment industries;
9. Requests that in future the Commission should consult the European Parliament on matters of such importance;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the Communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the implementation of the 'guidelines and priority measures for a Community energy policy'**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 386/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 42/74),

1. Approves the Commission's communication;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 44, 19. 4. 1974, p. 12.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation establishing a procedure of consolidation

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 203/73),
- having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 467/4),

1. Considers that the application of Community law by Community institutions, Member States and individuals is seriously impeded when Community instruments and subsequent amendments to them appear in several *different* issues of the Official Journal;

2. Therefore supports the present proposal, which aims to give greater clarity to Community legislation and hence to promote certainty in the law;

3. Regrets that the original instruments will remain legally valid, so that the users of the Official Journal will in many cases still have to consult the old, badly arranged texts, and hopes that a more useful form of consolidation will be introduced at a future date;

4. Expects the consolidated instruments to be published in the (L) (Legislation) series of the Official Journal;

5. Takes the view that the Council and the European Parliament should be equally involved in this procedure, and that the consolidation procedure should be capable of being brought to a rapid conclusion;

6. Strongly urges the Commission to make the following amendments to its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;

7. With the express reservation of these amendments, approves the Commission's proposal;

8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No C 99, 20. 11. 1973, p. 7.

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## RESOLUTION

on the strengthening of relations between the European Parliament and the Canadian Federal Parliament

*The European Parliament,*

- having noted the wish expressed in their joint communiqué of 1 November 1973 by the delegations of the European Parliament and the Canadian Federal Parliament to organize periodic meetings and regular contacts between the two Parliaments,

- convinced that these parliamentary contacts help to strengthen the political and economic links between Canada and the European Community,
  - having regard to the approval in principle of these relations by the enlarged Bureau at its meeting of 2 April 1974,
1. Advocates annual meetings between Delegations of the European Parliament and the two Chambers of the Canadian Federal Parliament to discuss matters of mutual interest;
  2. Considers that these meetings should be held alternately in a country of the Community and in Canada;
  3. Notes that a delegation of the European Parliament will accordingly visit Canada every two years and wishes, for practical reasons, the dates of these visits to be coordinated with those of the visits to Washington, while at the same time emphasizing the specific character of Canadian questions and of the discussions to which they give rise — a fact which would make the delegation prefer to begin its work alternately in the United States and in Canada;
  4. Instructs its President to propose to the Presidents of the two Chambers of the Canadian Federal Parliament that such regular contacts be arranged;
  5. Invites as from this moment a Canadian delegation to pay it a working visit during its October or November 1974 part-session.

#### RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down the conditions for granting national aid under the common structural policy for sea fishing**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 242/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 33/74),

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 110, 13. 12. 1973, p. 50.

- aware that a strong fishing sector, embracing the fleets of the Member States, is necessary to safeguard the standard of living of the fishing population and to protect the interests of the consumer,
- recalling the past desire of the Committee on Agriculture, as expressed in 1968 in the report drawn up by Mr Kriedemann <sup>(1)</sup>, to see the Commission's structural policy for the fishing industry give greater encouragement to the development of producer organizations,
- believing that the common rules here proposed for the implementation of the provisions of Article 9 of the Regulation (EEC) No 2141/70 on a common structural policy for the fishing industry raise questions of broad policy,

1. Approves the Commission's proposals, and awaits provisions for the further development of a true common structural policy in the fishing industry;
2. Welcomes the decision of the Commission to encourage producer organizations by means of special derogations from the proposed common financial rules;
3. Recognizes the necessity to safeguard the interests of unfavoured regions in the process of aid harmonization;
4. Believes that proposals to develop a structural policy on sea fishing in the Community, and in particular common rules to govern aids to the fishing industry should be framed in terms of the international competition faced by the Community producer, as well as in terms of harmonization of levels of aid granted by Member States;
5. Requests that further consideration be given to the definition of producer organizations as referred to in Article 7 of this proposed regulation;
6. Considers that it would be advisable to establish a ceiling on permitted aids for processing and marketing under Article 3 (c), as well as a percentage limitation, in order that aid should be directed to the smaller groupings rather than the very large producer;
7. Believes that a ceiling should be established on aids to compensate for losses incurred in the search for new fishing grounds;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of the committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 116, 8. 11. 1968, p. 12.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3609/73 of 27 December 1973 on customs arrangements to be applied to certain fishery products originating in Norway

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (74) 199 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 29/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Commission on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 61/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on an amendment to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning a Regulation supplementing Regulation No 1009/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in sugar

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 30/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 55/74) and to the Opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Development and Cooperation,
  - considering that the sugar supplies of the Community must be assured and that to this end sugar produced in excess of the maximum quota must be placed — when needed — on the Community market,
  - believing that the proposals here put forward represent in fact a declaration by the Commission of a state of scarcity in the sugar market,
1. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission has taken this sugar scarcity into account;
  2. But believes that the proposal of the Commission may result in a reduction in the incomes of Community sugar producers, given the very high level of sugar prices on the world market;
  3. Believes that it is desirable in order to stabilize existing incomes of sugar producers, to increase the maximum quota to a level sufficient to ensure adequate sugar supplies for the Community, without however producing a surplus, and with the abolition of the production levy;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 46, 23. 4. 1974, p. 2.



## RESOLUTION

on the report on the development of the social situation in the Community in 1973

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the report on the development of the social situation in the Community in 1973 (Doc. 2/74),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 51/74),

1. Agrees that the most important achievement of 1973 in the social field was the adoption of a resolution by the Council embodying its support for a social action programme, and congratulates the Commission on its first full year of work under this programme since the Paris Summit Conference of 1972;
2. Approves the Commission's choice of priorities for this programme and welcomes the initiatives so far taken;
3. Expresses its satisfaction with the widening of the scope of the European Social Fund, at the same time noting with disapproval the reduction of resources available to the Fund;
4. Notes also with disapproval the continuing absence of a comprehensive Regional Development Fund designed to make progress towards correcting imbalances of income between regions of the Community;
5. Urges the Commission to study the advantages of existing social security schemes in the Member States for assistance to the elderly and the low-paid;
6. Deplores the inadequacy of safety and health regulations in force in the countries of the Community and invites the Commission of the European Communities to formulate stricter and more stringent directives to curb the rising trend in accidents; emphasizes the need for severe penalties in cases of negligence on the part of the employer;
7. Expects the Commission to formulate without delay practical proposals on the basis of the results of the symposiums organized in the field of health protection, in particular of foodstuffs irradiation, and of pesticides;
8. Is concerned at the delays as regards implementation of the action programme of the Communities for the environment of 22 November 1973, invites the Commission to ensure that the time limits laid down are respected, and in particular to take immediate measures to combat pollution in the Rhine basin, measures which should have been proposed by 31 March 1974;
9. Hopes that the Commission will impress upon both sides of industry the paramount need for harmonious industrial relations at a time when inflation threatens the economic well-being of the Community, and that the Commission will make continuing efforts to develop schemes to safeguard the purchasing power of the people;
10. Urges the Commission to ensure that shortages of raw materials are not used by industry as a means of making excessive profits, and that all allegations to this effect are investigated thoroughly with a view to establishing the facts;
11. Notes with disappointment the increase in the number of unemployed (represented as a percentage of the civilian labour force) and urges the Commission to submit proposals to the Council to resolve this problem, having particular regard for the employment difficulties and restrictions faced by migrant workers;
12. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to establish the principle of equal pay and conditions for women;
13. Looks forward to the publication of the information bulletin on vocational training, promised for 1974, and hopes that this will mark a new approach to the problem of retraining with a view to ensuring greater flexibility in the employment market;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of Member States concerning the application of the principle of equal pay for men and women contained in Article 119 of the EEC Treaty

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 262/73),
  - having regard to the report by the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 21/74/rev.),
1. Notes with satisfaction that:
    - the principles laid down in Article 119 of the EEC Treaty are to be further implemented;
    - the possibility of enforcing claims to equal pay must be uniformly embodied in national legislation (Articles 2 and 5);
    - the Member States are required to render ineffective any discrimination arising from laws, regulations, administrative provisions, collective agreements, wage scales, wage agreements or individual contracts of employment (Articles 3 and 4);
    - the application of the principle of equal pay is to be supervised at the level of the undertaking and that all infringements are to be sanctioned (Article 6);
    - provisions adopted in pursuance of this Directive and those already in force in this connection must be brought to the attention of employees (Article 7);
  2. Views with growing impatience, however, the fact that:
    - Article 119 has been legally binding for 16 years in six Member States without having achieved any real significance beyond formal application;
    - the demand for the right to enforce claims before the national courts has also been made on many occasions;
    - other forms of discrimination such as the 'light-work' wage groups created specifically for women, as well as payment at above agreed rates and the one-sided exploitation of collectively agreed rates in the case of men, have since become far more serious than those caused by collective agreements;
    - discrimination continues in job evaluation with less importance attached to skill, speed and concentration than to muscle power although more equitable methods have been known for many years;
  3. Demands therefore the progressive abolition of wage groups to which women are predominantly or exclusively assigned;
  4. Accuses the national governmental and administrative authorities of discrimination by operating a system of different wage rates and promotion prospects for men and women; endorses therefore the Commission's demand for the application of the principle of equal treatment in a sector for which the governments are directly responsible (Article 3);
  5. Calls for greater efforts to improve the vocational training of those women who are at present employed as under-privileged unskilled workers and urges that early action be taken on this question;

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 114, 27. 12. 1973, p. 46.

6. Considers that differences in retirement pensions as a result of previous wage and other forms of discrimination are in urgent need of review;
7. Regards the problem of the frequent interruption of work and subsequent resumption by many women at a later date as an obstacle to genuine equality for women in society; stresses therefore that all concerned, not least women themselves, must have the will to overcome the difficulties that exist in order to ensure that women are satisfactorily re-employed, and that the governments in particular must be called upon to introduce measures ensuring the continuous vocational and further training of women and to provide the financial support for such training;
8. Views with concern the fact that although men and women largely enjoy equal treatment on a purely formal basis, real equality has not yet been achieved, this being clearly illustrated by a comparison of the small number of women in managerial positions in all sectors with the number of women in the population as a whole and their educational achievement: expects therefore all legal and *de facto* restrictions on admission to various professions to be gradually eliminated;
9. Urges that the cultivation in education of the idea of set roles for the two sexes in society be replaced by a generally emancipatory form of education so as to satisfy the democratic demand for men and women to be equally free to shape their lives as they choose;
10. Requests the Commission to take all the above considerations into account in the specific programme it is at present drawing up as part of the Social Action Programme concerning the need to ensure equality of men and women as regards eligibility for employment, vocational training and promotion, working conditions and various social security benefits;
11. Considers it necessary for the institutions of the European Community to continue to focus their attention on these problems and to promote uniform development within the Community by means of research and by coordinating national activities;
12. Reiterates the hope that the social partners will, by joint consultation, arrive at a European agreement on equal pay for men and women;
13. Urges the Member States to incorporate the provisions of the Directive in their national legislation without delay, and in any case not later than the stipulated date of 31 December 1975, and, failing this, expects the Commission to use every legal means, e.g. as afforded by Article 169 of the EEC Treaty, to ensure that Member States implement this directive in such a way as to achieve the objectives it is desired to obtain;
14. Approves the Commission's proposal in principle, but requests the Commission to make the following amendments to it pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty, and calls on the Council to adopt the directive without delay;
15. Asks its committee responsible to keep a close watch on whether the Commission modifies its proposal in accordance with the amendments proposed by the European Parliament and, if necessary, to report back to Parliament;
16. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

**on the first annual report on the activities of the new European Social Fund —  
financial year 1972**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the annual report on the activities of the new European Social Fund — financial year 1972 (SEC (73) 3536 fin.),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 18/74),

1. Notes that the first annual report which in fact covers an initial period of only a few months, is purely descriptive and does not enable it to exercise its powers of control or to form a proper assessment of the effectiveness of the machinery of the new Social Fund;
2. Deplores the fact that, during its first year of activity, the new Fund did not succeed in discharging the tasks entrusted to it in a fully adequate manner;
3. Expects the next report for 1973 to indicate the problems which arise from application of the new texts and from the choices made as a result of the imbalance between funds available and the number of applications submitted;
4. Notes that in 1972 applications made by the Member States were mainly aimed at securing Community financing for operations designed to solve problems arising neither directly nor indirectly from the working of the Common Market, whereas projects for operations designed to adjust manpower supply and demand to the requirements of technical progress were all too rare;
5. Notes with satisfaction that, according to information provided by the Commission after publication of the 1972 report, the Commission has been able to restrict the tendency of Member States to base their use of the Social Fund on the old concept of a fair return by selecting those applications which first and foremost defended Community interests;
6. Regrets that neither public authorities nor private organizations have made sufficient use of the intervention possibilities available under Article 4, which are at present limited to agriculture and textiles;
7. Stresses the need for studies and pilot schemes, and for measures ensuring that all those concerned, particularly private organizations, are made fully aware of the possibilities of assistance offered by the new Social Fund;
8. Approves the Commission's intention to adopt a truly Community concept for granting aid from the Social Fund by taking action under Article 4 based on joint programmes and common policies, in particular for the benefit of handicapped persons and migrant workers;
9. Recalls the position of the European Parliament on the difficulties of implementing the provisions of the European Social Fund regulation on the retraining of women over 35 who wish to take up employment, and believes that consideration should be given to using Article 4 for the promotion of a common policy designed to ensure equality between men and women, particularly as regards access to employment and vocational training and advancement as adopted in the Council resolution on a social action programme;
10. Recalls its Opinion on the proposal from the Commission to the Council on European Social Fund aid to persons engaged in the clothing sector; requests the Council to revise its negative attitude on the granting of aid under Article 4 to persons working in that sector, and invites the Commission to submit new proposals;
11. Recalls also its opinion on the introduction of aid to meet the cost of maintaining, for a maximum of six months, the income of persons awaiting employment after retraining; regrets that this proposal has not yet been adopted by the Council and requests it to reconsider its position;
12. Draws the Commission's attention to the possible effects of the present energy crisis on employment in certain areas, and requests it to consider extending aid under Article 4 to action aimed at countering the effects on employment of structural changes connected with changes in energy prices and the energy shortage;
13. Notes that the imbalance between the funds available and the applications received has obliged the Commission to lay down selection and priority criteria and make choices which involve risks of injustice;

14. Stresses that the selection which the Commission is forced to make because of lack of funds should be based on Community interests and not on national interests;

15. Insists that budgetary estimates should in future provide a more realistic reflection of the need for sufficient funds to meet applications for aid in order to render the new European Social Fund, intended by the Community to promote its policy of full and better employment, capable of intervening flexibly, rapidly and effectively, not only to remedy the problems arising from the common market and adapt manpower requirements to the changing situation, but also to assist the implementation of the Social Action Programme;

16. Draws the Commission's attention to the problems of supervising projects implemented with aid from the Fund and invites it to devote one chapter of its next report on activities in 1973 to these problems;

17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a recommendation of the Council addressed to the Member States regarding the application of the principle of the 40-hour week and four weeks' annual paid holiday

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 302/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 47/74),

1. Welcomes the steps taken by the Commission to define and pursue the objectives in the programme of social action;
2. Considers it important to harmonize working conditions and paid holidays to improve the quality of life;
3. Recommends that consultation should take place between the two sides of industry at Community level to establish the principle of the 40-hour week and four weeks' annual paid holiday;
4. Expresses the wish that Member States will implement the principle of the 40-hour week by 31 December 1975 and that of four weeks' paid holiday by 31 December 1976;
5. Calls for more rapid implementation of a genuine employment policy and a regional policy to make up for the economic backwardness which stands in the way of improved social welfare;
6. Approves the Commission's proposal;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 8, 31. 1. 1974, p. 27.

## RESOLUTION

on the draft annual accounts of the European Parliament for the financial year 1973  
(1 January to 31 December 1973)

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 66/74),

1. Points out that the appropriations available for the financial year 1973 amounted to 26 925 433,12 units of account, of which 25 564 625 units of account are entered in its budget for the financial year 1973 and 1 360 808,12 units of account are automatically carried forward from the financial year 1972 to 1973;

2. Notes:

(a) that the commitments of expenditure entered into up to 31 December 1973 for the financial year 1973 amount to 23 044 199,11 units of account;

(b) that the payments made in respect of the financial year 1973 by 31 December 1973 amount to 21 199 568,10 units of account;

that payments made under the special Council Decision authorizing the closure of operations for the financial year 1973 on 15 January 1974 amount to 233 765,89 units of account;

(c) that the sums still unpaid at the close of the financial year 1973 amount to 1 597 465,12 units of account; that the corresponding appropriations are automatically carried forward;

3. Decides that:

(a) the unused appropriations of 206 686,30 units of account automatically carried forward from the financial year 1972 to 1973 shall be cancelled pursuant to Article 202 of the EEC Treaty;

(b) the unused available appropriations for 1973 amounting to 2 520 425,89 units of account shall be cancelled;

4. Defers its final decision on the discharge in respect of the financial year 1973 (to be taken pursuant to Article 50A (2) and (3) of the Rules of Procedure) until the accounts have been checked by the audit bodies of the Community under the conditions laid down in the Treaty;

5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

on the motion for a resolution submitted on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group on measures  
to protect the European cultural heritage

*The European Parliament,*

— concerned about the impoverishment of the European cultural heritage which often results both from natural causes and from human behaviour,

— aware of the need to preserve historic and artistic relics of the past and to arouse greater interest among the public in the wealth these represent for all peoples,

— having regard to the 'Declaration on European identity' adopted at Copenhagen on 14 December 1973 by the Heads of State or of Government of the countries of the Community,

— having regard to the motion for a resolution submitted by the Liberal and Allies Group (Doc. 73/73),

— having regard to the report by the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 54/74),

1. Points to the useful purpose served by drawing up an inventory of the European cultural heritage based on jointly-defined criteria,
2. Considers that those responsible for the education and training of young people should pay the greatest attention to the means of acquiring knowledge and appreciation by the young of cultural works, both ancient and modern;
3. Is convinced that the means of acquiring knowledge should be made available to young people as soon as possible and on a basis of equality, and that they must be taught appreciation by modern and stimulating methods;
4. Urges the Governments of the nine Member States to attach greater importance to the defence and promotion of works of culture, particularly by passing the laws and providing the funds necessary for the development of permanent education;
5. Notes the many activities undertaken at national and regional level with a view to the protection of historic monuments, buildings and sites, and urges the authorities responsible to increase further the number and scale of these activities;
6. Welcomes the organization in 1975, by the Council of Europe, of a 'European architectural-heritage year' with the title 'A future for our past';
7. Expresses satisfaction at the recent establishment, within the Commission of the European Communities, of two new administrative units: the 'Environment and consumer protection department' (responsible, amongst other important matters, for protecting the cultural heritage) and the 'Cultural problems' division;
8. Hopes that the problem of protecting the European cultural heritage and a number of other cultural problems, for which Community action is possible and desirable, will be included in the agenda for meetings of the Council of Ministers of the European Communities attended by members of the Government responsible for cultural affairs in the various Member States;
9. Asks the Commission to propose to the Council a series of concrete measures to be adopted in application of the provisions of the EEC Treaty, designed on the one hand to eliminate the administrative obstacles which still hamper the exchange of cultural works and, on the other, to eliminate the legal, administrative and social obstacles to the providing of services by cultural workers;
10. Asks the Commission to draft proposals for the Council on the harmonization of systems of taxation on cultural institutions, and on the gifts and legacies which contribute to the financing of these institutions, and in general on the harmonization of the tax arrangements which the various Member States apply to cultural goods and services;
11. Asks the Commission to propose measures to be adopted by the Council to approximate the national laws on the protection of the cultural heritage, royalties and other related intellectual property-rights;
12. Requests the Commission to propose to the Member States the setting up within the Community of a fund which would provide financial support for the most urgent work on the restoration of monuments and sites and which could be partially financed by the yield of a loan floated contemporaneously in the nine States;
13. Requests the Commission to examine means of contributing to the development of the use of nuclear techniques in the preservation of works of art;
14. Requests the Commission to submit to the Member States arrangements for cooperation in the training of specialists in the restoration of monuments and works of art;

15. Requests the Commission to propose to the Member States that they should all take measures to fight more effectively against the theft of and traffic in works of art and archeological treasures;

16. Emphasizes in this connection the moral and practical implications of ratification by all Member States of the Community of the Convention on measures to be adopted to forbid and prevent the import, export and transfer of ownership of illicitly acquired cultural goods which was adopted at the 16th session of the General Conference of UNESCO on 14 November 1970;

17. Requests the Commission to facilitate cooperation between representatives of the Member States of the Community, to ensure the adoption of common positions in the various bodies of the Council of Europe and UNESCO;

18. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the ministers responsible in the various Member States.

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#### RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive concerning the quality required of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water in the Member States**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 350/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 87/74),
- conscious of the dangers of water shortages due to increased private and industrial consumption,
- concerned at the serious infections which may arise from the drinking of water,
- believing that the present Directive is intended to fill gaps in national legislations and generally improve the standards of hygiene,
- expressing the hope that the Directive be supplemented as soon as possible by a regulation on the waters of hydrographic basins providing for an interdisciplinary approach to all the related problems,

1. Approves the Directive with the following reservations:

- (a) provision must be made for the discharge of nuclear power-station wastes at a safe distance from the points of abstraction of water intended for drinking,
- (b) it would be advisable to limit the level of radioactivity of such water by laying down Community standards,
- (c) it should be stipulated that water which does not possess the minimum characteristics defined in the proposal for a Directive may not be used for drinking purposes even temporarily,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C. 44, 19. 4. 1974, p. 5.



- (d) greater stringency seems to be required in defining some of the parameters in Table A-3 (permissible levels of coliforms, streptococci, pesticides and hydrocarbons),
  - (e) the frequency of sampling must be stipulated and should be carried out at least every six months, so that natural processes, as a result of which the characteristics of the surface water have been altered, can be discerned,
  - (f) closer surveillance is needed of the level of contamination of water which is to be rendered potable and more consideration must be given to the possibility of reclamation and possible financing at Community level;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a preliminary Community programme for consumer information and protection**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(73) 2108 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 308/73),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinion of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 64/74),
1. Welcomes the proposal for a preliminary programme of the Community on consumer information and protection which, if fully implemented, would considerably strengthen the position of the consumer;
  2. Considers it highly desirable for consumer organizations to be strengthened sufficiently to enable them to influence the formulation of policy with the necessary expertise;
  3. Feels that financial support from public sources could be very useful in this connection, provided it did not in any way curtail the autonomy of consumer organizations;
  4. Feels that specific consumer organizations are not represented strongly enough on the Consumers' Consultative Committee;
  5. Requests the Commission to alter the presentation of its programme by combining chapters III and V and appending an annex indicating what the Community has achieved so far in the field of consumer protection;
  6. Requests the Commission to modify or supplement its priorities on the following points:
    - *health and safety*: Community legislation in this area must be extended considerably in the next three years;

- *unfair and deceptive commercial practices*: under this heading, mention should also be made of the conditions to be met by guarantees on consumer goods;
- *misleading advertizing*: the requirement for advertizing to indicate the principal-objective details of the product should be formulated more positively;
- *hire purchase and consumer credit*: a draft Directive should be submitted laying down the conditions which the corresponding contracts must satisfy (*inter alia*, amount to be paid back, duration of loan, annual interest, down-payment, penalties in the event of arrears);
- *complaints, advice and redress*: there is a need for a Community-wide service which operates promptly and is available free of charge to everyone;
- *consumer information and education*: there is clearly a need for a basic directive on informative labelling; in addition, regulations are required concerning the addition of directions for use or instructions for care and use (for textiles) in the language of the country of destination, and provisions prohibiting misleading packaging;
- *consumer information and education generally*: efforts must be made to ensure that at least as much time (at comparable viewing hours) is devoted to consumer information as to television advertising; this consumer information must be objective and unprejudicial to conditions of competition;
- *comparative testing of products*: although the Commission itself need not be active in this field, it should do everything in its power to encourage such testing;
- *harmonization of legislation*: harmonization of the legislations of Member States in any of the abovementioned areas should be based on the most advanced legislation;

7. Requests the Commission to incorporate the above amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the Treaty;

8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.



## RESOLUTION

on the Seventh General Report from the Commission of the European Communities on the activities of the Communities in 1973

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission's Seventh General Report on the activities of the Communities in 1973 (Doc. 368/73), its programme for 1974 and its declaration on the state of the Community<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having regard to the report submitted by Mr A Rossi pursuant to its resolution<sup>(2)</sup> of 14 February 1974 (Doc. 73/74),
- conscious of its responsibilities as the Assembly of the representatives of the peoples of the Member States joined in the Community,

<sup>(1)</sup> COM(74) 150 fin. of 31 January 1974.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 23, 8. 3. 1974, p. 63.

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## A — State of the Community

1. Recalls the importance of the Community's achievement and the positive results attained in the field of economic and social integration which have enabled the Community to assert itself as a force for progress;
2. Notes that the serious difficulties suffered by the Community in 1973 had been precipitated by very considerable changes in the world economic and monetary system; but considers that its deeper roots are to be sought in an excessively technical approach in the process of European construction, in the attendant weakening of the political role of the Community's institutions, and in the absence of correlation between progress towards economic union and political union;
3. Deprecates the progressive deterioration of the Community's decision-making machinery, characterized by the simultaneous weakening of the Commission's power of initiative and the growing paralysis of the Council — and finds that this deterioration is leading both to abandonment of the search for the Community's higher interests and to sterile conflicts based on national interests;
4. Deplores the fact that, despite the importance of the commitments then entered into, the Summit Conferences of 1972 and 1973 have not so far contributed to genuine progress of the Community and is disturbed by the possible repercussions of this proof of impotence upon public opinion in the Member States, particularly in regard to long-term commitments, such as the achievement of European union, which are of decisive significance for the Community's future;
5. Emphasizes the paramount role that should be played in the building of a united Europe by the representative institution of its peoples, and the consequent urgent need for real strengthening of its activities and powers;
6. Is profoundly convinced that only closer political integration will enable the Community to assert and fully assume its identity on the international scene within the framework of its traditional alliances and of the western world to which it belongs;
7. Solemnly asserts that both the lessons of the 15 years of the Community's existence and the new exigencies of the present international situation clearly demonstrate that for each and all of the nine Member States there is no alternative to the path of European integration, and that a united Europe is still essential for the preservation of an exceptional centre of progress and culture, for world equilibrium and for the safeguarding of peace;

## B — Activities of the Community in 1973

8. Appreciates the efforts made by the Commission, in the particularly difficult conditions of 1973, to submit proposals needed for the progress of Community action, but finds that the latter had been seriously impeded by the malfunctioning and paralysis of Community machinery and particularly of that of the Council as well as by two external factors (the monetary crisis and the energy crisis);

### I. *Economic organization of the Community*

#### *Economic and monetary union*

9. Calls attention to the considerable progress achieved in the area of competition policy and asks the Commission to be kept regularly informed of the current progress of the implementation of the Regulation on the control of the concentration of undertakings, once it comes into effect;
10. Regrets that, contrary to the high hopes raised by the Paris Summit Conference of October 1972, the Community had in fact regressed during 1973 as far as economic and monetary union is concerned;

11. Finds that this state of affairs is primarily attributable to the attitude of the Council, but considers that it is up to the Commission to submit, when it sees fit, detailed and practical proposals for overcoming the difficulties which have been encountered;

12. Invites the Commission to submit without delay detailed proposals for conferring upon the Community real powers of decision in the economic and monetary sphere;

#### *The Community budget*

13. Regrets that owing to the essentially descriptive nature of the General Report it is not possible to discern in the financial and budgetary areas a more coherent overall policy, although with the progress of common policies the size of Community budgets is constantly growing;

14. Is disappointed by the serious shortcomings of the Commission's amended proposals for strengthening the Parliament's budgetary powers, since they take no account of some essential points embodied in the resolution of 5 October 1973 concerning notably Parliament's power of co-decision in regard of acts which have important financial implications;

15. Stresses the Commission's share in the responsibility for the delay in the submission of its proposals in the matter, and declares that it cannot acquiesce in further postponements of commitments undertaken by the Commission and the Council for 1 January 1975;

16. Regrets that it had not been possible to make in time decisions concerning tax harmonization and particularly the definition of a uniform basis of value-added-tax assessment, so as to enable the system of the Communities' own resources to be implemented from 1 January 1975 and urges the speedy adoption of these decisions in order to minimize the duration of any transitional system which will have to be introduced;

17. Appreciates the Commission's efforts to reorganize the administrative structure of financial control, but considers that real control of own resources and Community expenditure requires a thoroughgoing transformation of the character and spirit of the relationship between the Commission and the Member States as they have so far developed;

18. Recalls that the draft general budget which is laid before it every year is but a reflection of an overall policy and its attendant individual actions which have been adopted before the drafting of the budget text — and consequently regrets that the formulation of this policy and the main acts into which it is translated have not always been the subject of a satisfactory dialogue between Parliament on the one side and the Commission and Council on the other;

#### *The functioning of the common market and the customs union*

19. Is of the opinion that although progress has been made in 1973 in the banking and insurance sectors, Community institutions should give greater consideration to the implementation of the right of establishment, because of the considerable delays which have accumulated in this matter;

20. Considers it intolerable that no liberal profession is yet able to enjoy the freedom to supply services and calls for the implementation of the provisions of Article 57 of the EEC Treaty which envisages the possibility of the Council, acting by a qualified majority, issuing Directives for the mutual recognition of diplomas;

21. Asks the Council to adopt as soon as possible the proposals for Directives on the harmonization of national legislations on company law;

22. Shares the Commission's anxiety about the compartmentalization of the public contract supply market and recommends that it should apply Article 235 of the EEC Treaty with the aim of liberalization of the greatest possible number of areas in the semi-public sector;

### *Common Agricultural Policy*

23. Notes that international monetary upheavals continued to impede the unity of the common agricultural market in 1973, but considers that the efforts to bring about economic and monetary union will enable the machinery of the common agricultural policy to be re-established; believes, therefore, that the Common Agricultural Policy should also in the future be based on criteria that take into account the interests of producers as well as consumers under all market conditions;

24. Underlines with satisfaction that in the face of progressive world inflation, the common agricultural policy exercised a moderating role and constituted a factor of relative stability in regard to food prices throughout the Community, including the three new Member States, which benefit from compensatory amounts under the terms of their accession;

25. Believes that a better balance should be sought on the one hand between the prices of animal and plant products, and on the other hand between the prices of grains according to their feed value — and requests the Council to complete its procedure on the Directive introducing a special system of aids for hill farming and farming in certain less favoured areas;

26. Considers that, while certain adjustments may be appropriate in the light of changes in the world situation and while commitments towards third countries must be respected, the basic principles of the common agricultural policy should be maintained;

### *Regional policy*

27. Endorses the Commission's statement that there can be no progress towards economic and monetary union unless intra-Community regional imbalances are corrected, and deplores the fact that the Council, despite solemn commitments entered into by the Heads of State or Government, has not yet reached the agreement which would enable the European Regional Development Fund to be established;

28. Believes that the Commission should, as a matter of priority, bring about effective coordination of the regional policies of the Member States and invites the Commission to formulate and put into effect an overall regional development policy on a European scale;

### *Energy policy*

29. Points to the modesty of the Commission's proposals on energy policy and to the need for measures genuinely appropriate to world developments in this sector;

30. Regrets that, despite the discussions at the Copenhagen Conference of Heads of State and of Government, the Commission has not been able to convince the Council and the Member States of the vital importance of and urgent necessity for a common energy policy;

31. Invites the Commission and Council, therefore, to promote as soon as possible the measures necessary to provide the Community with integrated or coordinated energy sources totally independent of the outside;

### *Research and technological policy*

32. Notes that the adoption of the multi-year research programme opens up new perspectives for Community progress in this area;

33. Welcomes the formulation of the guiding principles of a programme of action in scientific and technological policy, but repeats its request that these proposals find expression in a second, more detailed and more comprehensive, programme of action;

### *Transport policy*

34. Was pleased to note that the Commission submitted on 24 October 1973, in the form of a memorandum to the Council, a general outline of a common transport policy and approves the initiatives taken in 1973 in this sector;

35. Invites all the Community institutions to make efforts to ensure that re-activation of the transport policy begins from 1975 to produce results in terms of free movement and justice in the Community's transport sector;

### *Community law*

36. Urges the Commission whenever the need arises to base its proposals to the Council on the legal basis of Article 235 of the Treaty establishing the EEC, as it had been advised to do by the Paris Summit Conference of October 1972;

37. Stresses the urgent need for Community Regulations for the protection of basic citizens' rights in regard of the use of certain electronic information systems (data banks);

38. Expects the Commission to intensify, if possible in close cooperation with the Court of Justice of the European Communities, its information activities on Community law;

## II. *The Community in the service of man*

### *Social policy*

39. Approves the priorities laid down by the Commission in its social action programme and welcomes the measures undertaken by the Commission in respect of handicapped workers and migrant workers;

40. Regrets that the Community is not equipped, especially in the framework of the new European Social Fund, with administrative and financial resources adequate to ensure a real contribution to the improvement of the living and working conditions of the peoples of the Community;

41. Deplores the fact that differences of opinion within the Council have prevented the holding in 1973 of the tripartite conference envisaged by the Paris Summit;

### *Public health and environmental policy*

42. Stresses the basic need for a common policy on public health and the environment in order to preserve the human dimensions of Community action and to provide the population with an appropriate quality of life;

43. Insists that the first programme on consumer protection and information should be implemented immediately, in particular by giving priority to action in such areas as consumer credit, consumer advisory services and reform of the law on foods including labelling;

44. Regrets the complete lack of satisfactory progress towards the free movement of pharmaceutical preparations within the Community and demands that harmonization in this sector should finally be achieved in 1974, so that the free market in pharmaceuticals in the Community can operate at least partially;

*The policy on information and youth*

45. Requests the Commission to provide it with exact details of the use of the information material at its disposal and to report to it on the activities of its information offices in the Community, particularly in the new Member States, as well as in third countries;

46. Urges the Commission to intensify its information activities among young people with a view to giving them a clearer idea of the Community's problems and enabling them to come into contact with each other across frontiers;

III. *The Community in the world*

47. Recalls the increased responsibilities of the Community in the world and the fact that it plays a part in a vast system of relations with third countries and international organizations;

*Political Cooperation*

48. Expresses satisfaction with the statement on the European identity published at the Copenhagen Summit Conference on 14 and 15 December 1973, but believes that a genuine European identity calls for the Community to speak with one voice in its external relations;

49. Calls for a real strengthening of political cooperation which, depending as it does on the Community and its institutions, enables Europe as a community to assert its economic and intellectual ability and potential in the world;

50. Considers that the problems of European defence mentioned in the statement on the European Identity should be studied at Community level;

51. Sees the confirmation by the Copenhagen Summit Conference of the Council declaration of 6 November 1973 on the Middle-East problem, as a constructive contribution by the Community to the establishment of a fair and lasting peace in the Middle-East;

52. Welcomes the fact that the Member States succeeded in reconciling their points of view at the conference on security and cooperation in Europe;

53. Invites the Commission, the Council and the Governments of the Member States to make every effort to initiate a constructive dialogue between the Community and the United States of America;

*External economic relations*

54. Endorses the Commission's attempts to have the Community recognized as such at international level and hopes that the Community clause in Member States' bilateral agreements will be systematically developed;

55. Notes that the common commercial policy became legally operative on 1 January 1973 and insists that agreements covering external economic relations which still come under the competence of the Member States should be included in the Community framework;

56. Notes with satisfaction that agreements concluded between the Community and other EFTA countries made possible the creation of a free-trade area for industrial products and services in 1973;

57. Endorses the Commission's attempts to implement an overall Mediterranean policy and invites the Council to give the Commission further powers towards that end;

58. Expresses satisfaction with the Agreement concluded with Cyprus and now looks forward to the conclusion of an agreement with the Maghreb countries;

59. Recommends implementation of the action referred to in the Association Agreement between the Community and Turkey;

60. Points out that only a free and democratic Greece will be able to benefit from the advantages provided for in the Association Agreement with the Community;

61. Regrets that the Community has been unable to take part in the negotiations on the new international sugar agreement, and hopes that in the future it will be able to subscribe to any further international agreements on basic products; welcomes also the fact that the Commission takes an active part in the current negotiations on Article XXIV (6) of GATT;

#### *Development cooperation and aid*

62. Invites the Council and Commission to use every possible means to bring the new Association Agreement with certain African and Commonwealth countries into force on 1 February 1975 and to speed up the formulation of an overall Community policy on development cooperation;

63. Requests the Commission to submit proposals for special aid to the least-developed countries along the lines of the recommendations made at the 3rd UNCTAD Conference;

64. Considers that the Community generalized preference system adopted for 1974 should be improved in order to guarantee receiving countries greater benefits than those obtained under the system applied by the Six and the three new Member States in 1973;

65. Expresses satisfaction with the food aid granted by the Community to the Sahel countries and Ethiopia and hopes that it will be increased and granted more promptly in view of the acute famine which is still prevalent there and in adjoining regions;

66. Believes that the definition of the European Identity calls for the existence of a true partnership with the developing countries and therefore invites the Commission to:

- harmonize and coordinate the development aid policy of the Member States;
- encourage exports from the developing countries;
- assist their regional integration programmes;
- take greater account of their debt problems;

#### C --- Future of the Community

67. Urges a new effort in Community action calculated to consolidate the very considerable results already achieved which make it possible to attain, despite the present difficulties, practical progress towards the economic and political integration of democratic Europe.

68. Solemnly appeals to the Parliaments of the Member States to join with the European Parliament in its attempts to induce national governments to make a new Community effort powerful enough to guarantee continuation of the integration process and attainment of a genuine European Union by 1980;

69. Proposes that the new effort should cover three main fields of action:

- democratization and effectiveness of the Community: by increasing the powers of the European Parliament and by a decision that it be elected by direct universal suffrage; by the Commission and Council reverting to the tasks assigned to them by the Treaties;
- strengthening of economic and monetary union: by reverting to a Community monetary discipline and effective coordination of national economic policies to cope jointly with the serious problems of inflation;



— assertion of European solidarity and identity: by strengthening the political cooperation which enables Europe as a community to speak with a single voice in economic as well as political matters and in large international circles;

70. Expresses its confidence in the Commission and in the latter's capacity to play a decisive role in the future developments of the Communities;

71. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities;

72. Invites its President also to forward this resolution to the national Parliaments and to propose that they organize simultaneous debates to draw the attention of public opinion and of the governments to the gravity of the problems.

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## RESOLUTION

### on the economic situation in the Community

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the Communication from the Commission to the Council concerning the adjustment of the economic policy guidelines for 1974 (COM(74) 450/fin.),

— having regard to its resolutions of 13 December 1973<sup>(1)</sup> and 13 March 1974<sup>(2)</sup>,

— having regard to the report by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 105/74),

1. Expresses its disappointment at the fact that the Commission, after making a shrewd analysis in its communication of the economic situation, goes on to formulate recommendations that are not primarily geared to the real situation and needs of the Community but which reproduce more or less unchanged the policy measures and intentions of the Governments of the Member States; whereas the whole Community finds itself confronted by a drastic restructuring of production, unemployment problems, the danger of disruptive capital movements and disquieting price increases;

2. Considers that no Member State should take measures liable to compromise, or even jeopardize the free movement of goods within the Community;

3. Considers that the Member States which now no longer participate in the machinery for maintaining limited margins of fluctuation should return to this machinery without delay;

4. Considers that, to enable the States to return to limited margins of fluctuation, the existing credit machinery should be extended, allowing these States to cope with their balance of payments problems and their monetary difficulties while making the granting of credits subject to Community economic policy conditions;

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 48.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 23.

5. Notes once again that the Commission has not taken any account of Parliament's point of view concerning a redistribution of short-term economic policy powers as recently embodied in its resolution of 13 March 1974<sup>(1)</sup>;

6. Also notes that the Council has not adhered to the provisions contained in the 'Council Decision of 18 February 1974 on the attainment of a high degree of convergence of the economic policies of the Member States of the European Economic Community<sup>(2)</sup>', according to which the Council 'shall, as soon as possible during the first quarter, adjust the economic policy guidelines for the current year as required by economic developments';

7. Expresses the wish that borrowings on the international capital markets to cover deficits on balances of payments — which cannot be a substitute for a real transfer of income but can at any rate facilitate the process of adjustment — should be made in a coordinated manner and requests the Commission to submit a proposal to this effect;

8. Believes that, with a view to preserving the liberalization of world trade already achieved, it is essential to protect the Community against disruptive capital movements and reminds the Commission of the need to put forward at an early date a Community Regulation for this purpose concerning capital movements from and to third countries;

9. Considers it essential that the Community programme for a medium-term economic policy should be adapted to the new situation so that it may serve as a framework for the short-term economic policy recommendations;

10. Holds the view that the communication from the Commission contains, in addition to worthwhile recommendations, many statements that are over-cautious and even obscure or contradictory, which are not in keeping with the gravity of the present situation; this is true of the following items in particular;

— *Employment*: the situation is presented in excessively optimistic terms;

— *Restructuring of production*: the Commission wishes to support this but does not indicate how this should be done;

— *Monitoring of income trends*: the Commission proposes 'temporary controls on... all incomes' for the Netherlands (p. 18) although the situation in that country does not justify measures more drastic than those in other Member States;

— *collective measures*: the Commission wants these extended, but at the same time considers it necessary to put a brake on the increase in government expenditure in most of the Member States;

11. Requests the Commission to base the Communication it is required to present to the Council during the second quarter of this year on the points of view expressed in this resolution;

12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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(1) '10. Deplores the lack of political resolve in the Council for the coordination of economic and monetary policies in the Community and considers that the advanced interpenetration of the economies of the Member States calls for a redistribution of powers between the Community institutions and the national authorities;

11. Invites the Commission to draw the logical conclusions from these findings and submit proposals to the Council which go beyond simple technical amendments to existing procedures and involve an extension of the implementing and decision-making powers of the Community institutions;

12. Considers economic budgetary and taxation policies, together with monetary and credit policies, should be the subject of binding Community Decisions';

(\*) OJ No L 63, 5. 3. 1974, p. 16.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the amendments to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to analytical, pharmaco-toxicological and clinical standards and protocols in respect of the testing of proprietary medicinal products
- II. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to publicity for proprietary medicinal products and to package leaflets
- III. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to matters which may be added to proprietary medicinal products for colouring purposes

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 377/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 31/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposals;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of the committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 35, 28. 3. 1974, p. 68.

## RESOLUTION

on the overall result of financial and technical cooperation within the framework of the EEC/AASM Association

*The European Parliament,*

- recalling its resolutions of 23 November 1964<sup>(1)</sup> and 2 July 1968<sup>(2)</sup> on the overall result of technical and financial cooperation in the context of the EEC/AASM Association,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 111/74),

1. Notes that the mechanisms of technical and financial cooperation of the Association have worked in a satisfactory way;
2. Underlines the importance of Community aid for the Associated States, especially the less favoured ones;
3. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission of the European Communities and the AASM authorities responsible are making every effort to ensure that aid from the third EDF — under which more than 260 projects have already been financed — is granted within the time limits fixed and in a flexible and continuous manner; thus within four years nearly all the funds will have been committed, despite the delay in ratifying the second Yaoundé Convention;

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No 205, 11. 12. 1964, p. 3484/64.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 72, 19. 8. 1968, p. 23.

4. Recommends that the present negotiations be concluded in good time so as to avoid having to resort to transitional measures when the present convention expires;

5. Is pleased to note that the new orientation of the EDF, notably as regards programming, sales promotion and vocational training has on the whole met with success;

6. Underlines the fact that programming, by virtue of the many contacts which it necessitates, has strengthened cooperation between the EEC and the AASM, and helped to increase the role and responsibility of the Associated States as regards the improved distribution of aid;

7. Considers that in future the development strategy of the Association, and particularly technical and financial cooperation, should be directed more than in the past towards social objectives which promote a more equitable distribution of income among all strata of the population in the Associated States;

8. Is consequently pleased with the views expressed in the Commission's memorandum on the renewal and enlargement of the Association, particularly as regards employment, rural development, aid to small undertakings and small-scale local development projects;

9. Underlines the great importance of small projects for development and the desirability of using non-governmental and voluntary organizations in the implementation of such projects;

— *with particular reference to agriculture and rural development:*

10. Appreciates the growing importance of agricultural projects in the activities of the EDF in view of the present need to increase agricultural and more particularly foodstuffs production, but urges greater caution with regard to agro-industrial projects;

11. Points out that rural development and the promotion of employment should be interrelated priority aims for development cooperation;

12. Stresses that speedy rural development by means of integrated projects can contribute enormously to the development of the broad mass of the population in the Associated States, while at the same time reducing the migration of the population towards the towns;

— *with particular reference to industrialization:*

13. Welcomes the fact that the projects selected in the first study carried out by the Commission concerning the possibility of industrialization to provide a substitute for imports are in the process of being implemented and hopes that the Commission will continue its policy in this area;

14. Urges the Commission to make sure that each industrial project has a positive effect on employment and give priority to projects which could create new employment;

15. Stresses that greater efforts must be made to encourage small and medium-sized undertakings, in particular by training managerial staff and increasing technical and financial aid;

16. Urges the Commission to encourage, in close consultation with the African partners, the industrialization of the Associated States oriented mainly towards exports;

— *with particular reference to sales promotion:*

17. Recalls that sales promotion is of particular importance at a time when special preferences are liable to be reduced;

18. Notes with satisfaction that as a result of the incentive provided by the second EDF, the programme of 'fairs and trade exhibitions' has been speedily implemented and that this has been accompanied by a growing awareness on the part of economic agents in the Associated States;

— *with particular reference to training:*

19. Notes with satisfaction:

- the success of the 'study grants, training courses and symposia' programme, the greater part of which was carried out in Africa itself in accordance with the wishes expressed by the European Parliament;
- the increased importance of occupational training within the framework of each individual project, particularly rural projects;
- the work begun in training supervisory staff, of whom there is a great shortage, in the various sectors of economic life in the AASM;

and encourages the Commission to continue its work in this direction;

20. Is convinced that a well-thought out financial and technical cooperation policy should concentrate on the accelerated training of staff from the Associated States themselves who could then gradually take over the task of providing technical assistance;

— *with particular reference to regional policy:*

21. Observes that regional cooperation has not achieved the hoped for results and requests the Commission to increase its efforts in this area so that the aims of this policy meet with a more favourable response in the Associated States;

22. Believes, however, that careful programming of the different transport projects has helped to free the Associated States from overdependence on connections with their former metropolitan centres, notably by developing an inter-state road system which facilitates intra-African trade;

23. Invites the Commission to continue in the same spirit its cooperation with the Associated and associable States;

24. Emphasizes in this connection the value of systematic and constant evaluation of the effects of the aid granted on the economic and social growth of the Associated States;

25. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Presidents of the Parliaments of the Associated States and to the members of the Parliamentary Conference of the EEC/AASM Association.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive amending Article 5 (2) of the Directive of 17 July 1969 concerning indirect taxes on the raising of capital

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 28/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 75/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 46, 23. 4. 1974, p. 1.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a third Directive on taxes other than turnover tax which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 50/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 76/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No C 52, 7. 5. 1974, p. 9.

## RESOLUTION

on the third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

*The European Parliament,*

- whereas European union will be built on firm achievements which, more than anything else, create true solidarity,
  - whereas the economic and social progress of the peoples of the Community can best be served by joint action on the part of Member States,
  - whereas it is essential, now more than ever before, to strengthen relations between the Member States of the Community in all fields,
  - whereas, moreover, one of the essential goals of the Community is the improvement of the quality of life of its peoples,
  - having regard to the fundamental importance which attaches in this respect to the protection of the seas from pollution and improper and reckless exploitation,
1. Welcomes the fact that, at the third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea taking place in Caracas from June to August 1974, the Community will participate as such on certain matters falling within its competence;
  2. Also welcomes the fact that, where other matters are concerned, the Member States will seek to harmonize their positions;
  3. Hopes, however, in view of the importance of the problems to be discussed at this Conference, that this harmonization of positions will result in a united position;
  4. Directs an urgent appeal to the Council and the Governments of the Member States to use this occasion to transfer to the jurisdiction of the Community the most important national powers in this field;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States of the Community.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the European Parliament's Opinion on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on measures to be taken in application of section 16 of the Hague Communiqué:

- recommendation for a Decision setting up a Committee for Youth Questions
- recommendation for a Decision setting up a Youth Advisory Committee

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(73) 635 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council in an instance in which consultation was not obligatory (Docs. 270/71 and 112/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Docs. 41/74 and 41/74 Ann.),
- having regard to the Communiqué of the Conference of Heads of State or Government on 1 and 2 December 1969 at The Hague,

1. Draws attention to the report drawn up on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 232/71) and to the resolution adopted on the basis of this report <sup>(1)</sup>, and endorses the requests put forward therein;
2. Urges that a first conference of the ministers of the Member States responsible for youth be convened as soon as possible in the Council of the Communities;
3. Urges that the decisions taken by such a conference be coordinated with the decisions of the ministers responsible for educational matters so as to arrive at a coherent Community educational, youth and cultural policy;
4. Regrets the Commission's failure to consult representatives of international and national youth organizations in drawing up its proposals;
5. Endorses the Commission's recommendation for a Council Decision on the setting up of a 'Committee on Youth', subject to the following amendments;
6. Believes that the Commission's recommendation for a Council Decision setting up a Youth Advisory Committee does not, in its present form, meet specific expectations and should therefore be radically amended;
7. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its recommendations, pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty;
8. Calls on the Council and the Commission of the European Communities to study and take in hand youth problems with the greatest possible openness so as to arouse in young people feelings of unity and mutual understanding, and to make them fully aware of their worth and their rights and obligations in a united, democratic and peace-loving Europe;
9. Requests the European Commission to take the necessary measures to ensure that, as from 1 January 1975, the appropriations for youth measures are consolidated within one chapter and substantially increased;
10. Also requests the Commission to investigate whether a European Youth Centre should not be created;
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(1) OJ No C 19, 28. 2. 1972, p. 20.

## RESOLUTION

on Petition No 1/73 on the proposal for an International Charter of Migrant Workers' Rights  
and on Petition No 1/74 on proposals for a European Migrant Workers' Charter

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Petition Nos 1/73 and 1/74,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 84/74),
  - having established that the two petitions fall within the Community's sphere of activity,
1. Notes the request, made in the two petitions that a Charter of Migrant Workers' Rights be drawn up at Community level;
  2. Recognizes the continuing existence of serious legal discrimination against migrant workers; in particular their total exclusion from participation in decision-making and political life, and the precariousness of their right to remain on the territory of a state of which they are not citizens if they are not citizens of a Member State;
  3. Also recognizes that these workers live in conditions which are still far from satisfactory, for example as regards the reuniting of families, housing, education, social security, etc.
  4. Is therefore of the opinion that a Migrant Workers' Charter would be an effective means of improving this situation and eliminating all forms of discrimination;
  5. Is not unaware of the difficulties, especially of a legal nature, involved in drawing up this charter but considers that they could be overcome if the political will to do so existed;
  6. Finds that the Commission of the European Communities has regrettably not been able to take action on its request, contained in the report <sup>(1)</sup> on the earlier Petition No 4/70 to lend its support for a European Migrant Workers' Charter providing for their civil, political, social and human rights;
  7. Is of the opinion that the proposals made in the two petitions could serve as a good basis for drafting the Charter and insists that the Commission of the European Communities present practical proposals to Parliament by the end of March 1975 at the latest;
  8. Invites therefore the Commission of the European Communities to make use of them in drawing up its proposals and to take account also of the recently proposed legislation in certain Member States on the legal status of migrant workers;
  9. Instructs its President to forward the texts of Petition Nos 1/73 and 1/74 to the Commission of the European Communities and to send this resolution and the report of its committee to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 100, 12. 10. 1971, p. 7.



## RESOLUTION

on the 1974/75 Information Programme of the Commission of the European Communities

*The European Parliament,*

- once again drawing attention to the importance of the effective information of public opinion in the countries of the Community for the gradual development of a European awareness and to the need for a loyal attitude on the part of the public so that it will cooperate in the realization of the process of European integration, the aim of which is the creation of a European Union,
  - recalling its resolution of 10 February 1972 <sup>(1)</sup> on the information policy of the European Communities,
  - having regard to the report by the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 106/74),
1. Notes with approval the aims, priorities and methods for information policy set out by the European Commission for 1974 and 1975;
  2. Agrees with the Commission that the effectiveness and success of this policy depends to a great extent on the achievement within a reasonable time of practical results in the implementation of the programme established during the Paris Conference of Heads of State or Government;
  3. Urges the Governments of the Member States, duly bearing in mind that the positive cooperation of the European people is required for the development of European integration, to take definite action now in order to make a genuine Community policy possible at a very early date in all the sectors which are important for the future of Europe and to take decisions to increase the effectiveness of the institutions and accelerate the process of democratization of the Community;
  4. Considers it the duty of the Governments of Member States and of all the institutions of the Community to use all appropriate means to point out, particularly to youth, the necessity of the European process of integration for the creation of optimum living conditions and personal development opportunities for future generations, and for contributing to a peaceful solution of the extensive problems facing Europe and other countries of the world;
  5. Stresses the Commission's duty to highlight the role to be played by young people in the construction of Europe in the information it passes to them and through the importance attached to the formation of a Committee for Youth Questions and a Youth Advisory Committee, for which proposals have been submitted;
  6. Reminds Member States of their obligation under Article 50 of the EEC Treaty to encourage the exchange of young workers within the framework of a joint programme;
  7. Considers it wrong that the groups which in the Commission's view must be given priority in the field of information should not include consumers;
  8. Is aware of the special problems of the new Member States in the sphere of information about European problems, and emphasizes the need to contribute, by means of a specific information policy, to greater awareness and a positive assessment in the new Member States of the objectives and activities of the Community;
  9. Is pleased that the Commission has clearly appreciated the special measures which are necessary to gain an insight into the information needs of the various sections of the population and points out that all these measures must be given practical form; expresses the hope that the Commission will be able to continue to improve its information policy by means of opinion polls and a critical assessment of the information returns;

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 19, 28. 2. 1972, p. 32.

10. Calls for a closer examination to be made within the framework of the information programme of the need to strengthen the press and information offices and of the role of these offices and of the disseminators in achieving greater involvement of the population in the Community and furthermore draws attention to the importance of systematic investigations into the availability of information on Europe to the various sections of the public;
11. Believes that a thorough investigation of the role of mass media and modern audio-visual aids in providing information is of great importance and that particular attention should be devoted to the use of video-cassettes;
12. Notes with approval the Commission's plan to give increased consideration, in the proposed priority subjects, to steps to remove obstacles to the free movement of persons and goods and to ensure the mutual recognition of degrees and diplomas which are matters of great importance to the European public;
13. Believes that the resources for the information of teachers and those working in the field of adult education should be fully exploited and that it is desirable to train them, in a European context, to use new teaching materials in the most effective way; points to the need to ensure that the information material intended for teachers is in fact made available to them;
14. Feels that information on European integration can be given in the upper classes of primary schools, provided this is done in a didactically responsible manner, and to this end urges the Commission to compile suitable reading material in cooperation with teachers and to take any other useful action;
15. Asks for measures to be taken to bring the reception facilities for groups of visitors in Brussels into line with the information requirements of those who wish to gain a coherent impression of the Community's activities while visiting the Commission's headquarters and expects adequate personnel to be provided for this purpose by the information offices in the Member States at an early date;
16. Notes with approval the Commission's plan to systematically review policy on publications and emphasises the importance of periodical and other publications for the creation of a broad flow of information from the Community to the people, and from the people to the Community;
17. Considers quicker reaction to events and decisions of significance to Europe of great importance if information is to be effective;
18. Notes with pleasure that a central documentation service is to be created to support the national information offices and urges that these offices should be adequately staffed in order to fulfil their tasks efficiently;
19. Considers it important to have, at the earliest opportunity, an account of the appropriations made available to the Commission for the implementation of its 1974/75 Information Programme;
20. Appeals to the Governments of the Member States to give their constant backing to the Commission and to support it in every respect in its task of fulfilling the objectives of the 1974/75 Information Programme;
21. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Governments of the Member States.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a resolution on the adaptation to technical progress of Directives on the protection and improvement of the environment

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 25/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 101/74),
1. Approves of the establishment of committees of experts for the adaptation to technical progress of Directives on the protection and improvement of the environment, but insists nevertheless that these committees have only an advisory function and that they may not curtail the powers of the Commission, which must take decisions solely on its own responsibility;
  2. Requests further that on all important decisions the Commission should put proposals directly to the Council, which should decide by a qualified majority;
  3. Welcomes the flexible nature of the provision contained in the resolution to the effect that 18 months from the first application of the procedure envisaged, the Council should investigate, in the light of experience, whether this procedure ought to be amended;
  4. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to incorporate the following amendments into its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph of the EEC Treaty;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution and its committee's report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 44, 19. 4. 1974, p. 26.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a recommendation to the Member States regarding cost allocations and action by public authorities on environmental matters

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 17/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 114/74),
1. Reaffirms that it approves the 'polluter pays' principle;
  2. Regrets the Commission's delay in submitting its recommendation and invites the Commission to submit a time-table for the detailed rules of application;

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 68, 12. 6. 1974, p. 1.

3. Approves the recommendation in principle and hopes that in the more specific proposals to follow the levies will have a more redistributive than incentive function;
4. Invites the Commission, therefore, to submit these proposals as soon as possible;
5. Considers that quality objectives should be set on the basis of appropriately selected geographical areas and requests the Commission to bear this in mind when formulating its specific proposals;
6. Reserves the right to consider and comment on the proposals when the Commission has submitted them;
7. Requests the Commission to take into consideration pollution that crosses Community frontiers;
8. Invites the Commission of the European Communities to make the following amendments to its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the Treaty establishing the EEC;
9. Requests its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission of the European Communities adopts the European Parliament's amendments to its proposal and, if necessary, to report to Parliament on this matter;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### FIRST RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication and proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the creation of a European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 306/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 93/74),

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal as an important step towards a Community environmental policy;
2. Endorses the Commission's choice of Article 235 of the EEC Treaty as the legal basis and confirms in this connection its earlier positive stand on the advisability of basing Community environmental measures on this Article of the Treaty;
3. Urges that the objective set for the planned European Foundation should be the improvement not only of living and working conditions but also of the environment and that it therefore be called the 'European Foundation for the improvement of living, working and environmental conditions';
4. Notes with satisfaction that under the proposed Regulation the European Parliament is also entitled to make suggestions directly to the Foundation on the preparation of its annual programme of work and that the Director of the Foundation is obliged to take into account suggestions made by the European Parliament and the other Community institutions;

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(1) OJ No C 35, 28. 3. 1974, p. 5 and Doc. COM(73) 2026 fin.

5. Insists that the general report on the activities, the financial situation and the prospects of the Foundation should be forwarded by the Director directly to the various Community institutions;
6. Urges the Council to ensure that the Regulation comes into force by 31 July 1974 at the latest;
7. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph of the EEC Treaty;
8. Requests the committee responsible to establish whether the Commission of the European Communities incorporates the amendments proposed by the European Parliament in its proposal and to report to Parliament on this if necessary;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### SECOND RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication and proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the creation of a European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication and proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 306/73),
  - having regard to the report of its Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 94/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal but requests it to define more clearly the Foundation's duties and particularly to state what it understands by the improvement of working and living conditions;
  2. Expresses its preference for a Foundation which will concern itself both with social and environmental questions, and give priority to the problems of man at work;
  3. Insists on adequate representation of the social partners on the Administration Board;
  4. Requests the Commission to specify the problems involved in coordinating its own activity with the Foundation's, in the light of the commitments assumed under the Social Action Programme and the Environmental Programme on the basis of the role and functions of the individual Community institutions;
  5. Considers that a balance should constantly be kept between the Foundation's theoretical and scientific work and its practical operations, and reflected in a balanced distribution of appropriations between its various activities;

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 35, 28. 3. 1974, p. 5 and COM(73) 2026 fin.

6. Asks the Commission to amend its proposal in accordance with Article 149, second paragraph of the EEC Treaty by inserting an Article providing for the granting of tax concessions by Member States on donations to the Foundation in order to encourage private individuals to contribute to its finances;
7. Agrees that Community institutions should assist the Foundation by making suggestions and proposals;
8. Invites the Commission not to leave open the question of the Foundation's place of work and to take account of the proposals made in this report;
9. Instructs its President to forward the resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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## RESOLUTION

### on the economic situation in the Community

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Council's draft Decision adjusting the economic policy guidelines for 1974 (COM(74) 689 fin.),
  - having regard to its previous resolutions, in particular those of 13 March 1974 <sup>(1)</sup> and 15 May 1974 <sup>(2)</sup>,
  - having regard to the tendency of Member States to take unilateral economic measures based on purely national considerations, without the prior consultations required by the Treaty and repeatedly stipulated by the Council,
  - having regard to the fact that such measures jeopardize the achievements of the Community role of the Commission in coordinating the economic policy of the Community,
  - having regard to the motion for a resolution by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 129/74),
1. Appeals to the Member States to take quickly any measures likely to re-establish and safeguard the free circulation of goods within the Community, which is at present in jeopardy;
  2. Sees in recent developments a confirmation of the fragility of economic integration which is not based on adequate decision-making structures;
  3. Considers that the solution to the grave economic problems facing the Community requires the establishment of more effective Community decision-making structures in economic and monetary matters;
  4. Requests:
    - (a) the Commission to react to the process of disintegration of the Community by taking steps at institutional level which will enable it to restore the normal operation and development of the common market;
    - (b) the Council and the Governments of the Member States to support, in a Community spirit, any action taken by the Commission in this sector;
  5. Requests that conjunctural policy guidelines, while drawing on the objectives laid down in the Treaty, should be founded on a frank analysis of economic and social facts in the Member States that produces practical conclusions and - given the gravity of the situation - bold recommendations;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 23.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 62, 30. 5. 1974, p. 21.

6. Reminds the Council of the obligations it assumed towards the European public in adopting its resolutions on the implementation and development of economic and monetary union;
7. Requests the Council to pay more serious attention than it has so far to the European Parliament's concern for the state of the Community by pursuing a coherent integration policy centred on the achievement of economic and monetary union;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on aid to the shipbuilding industry and on the memorandum from the Commission to the Council on procedures for action in the shipbuilding industry

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been optionally consulted by the Council (Doc. 252/73),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 68/74),
1. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to contribute to a more effective structuring of the shipbuilding industry with a view to greater competitiveness at world level;
  2. Takes the view that, as regards the industrial aspects of the shipbuilding policy, the Commission should lay stress on the establishment of the soundest possible basis for decisions regarding investments in the shipbuilding industry and, if need be, help to provide the necessary credit;
  3. Welcomes that part of the proposal dealing with industrial policy as an initial practical step towards a true industrial policy at Community level; expects the Community institutions to work towards a uniform shipbuilding policy, while providing the necessary safeguards for the shipbuilding industry in Member States who will suffer most during this period of change;
  4. Requests the Commission to draw up a time-table for the abolition of the various aids, including investment aid, and to insist, in the 1975 OECD negotiations, on the complete abolition at world level of all existing aid constituting a source of distortion to competition and to ensure, by agreements with Japan and other countries, that no world surplus production capacity arises;
  5. Considers, therefore, that the proposed Directive may remain in force only until 31 December 1975;
  6. Requests the Commission to submit, after full consultation with both sides of industry in the sector concerned and in adjacent sectors, a proposal for a structural directive on the shipbuilding sector;

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 114, 27. 12. 1973, p. 23 and COM(73) 1788 fin.

7. Instructs its Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to request details on the subject from the Commission;

8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments and Parliaments of Member States.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on assistance from the European Social Fund to persons employed in the shipbuilding industry

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 349/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 86/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Considers that aid from the Social Fund under Article 4 of the Council Decision of 1 February 1974 as stipulated in this proposal can constitute a typical example of the way in which the new Fund should operate, provided that it forms part of a reorganization and investment policy coordinated at Community level, due regard being given to regional policy;
3. Stresses, in this connection, that assistance from the Social Fund can only be completely effective and a real instrument of a policy of full and improved employment if it is integrated into an overall Community strategy;
4. Considers that the objective of the Community's coordinated social, industrial and regional policy measures in favour of shipbuilding should be to ensure the development of a dynamic and competitive industry in the Community;
5. Regrets that the Commission has not given any information in its proposals on the probable number of workers affected by the reorganization plans, their breakdown according to age, skills, etc., and the number of persons likely to be granted aid from the Fund;
6. Fears that the fact that the financial implications of the aid granted by the Social Fund to persons employed in the shipbuilding industry are unknown will give rise to difficulties in the Council and exacerbate the budgetary problems with which the Fund is already confronted as a result of the inadequate resources available;
7. Approves the application of Article 4 of the basic Decision to workers employed in the shipbuilding industry, which will enable action to be taken in time to retrain or transfer these workers as required by the reorganization essential if this industry is to develop in the Community;

(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No C 13, 12. 2. 1974, p. 6.



8. Believes that, although there is no shortage of orders in European shipyards at present, coordinated industrial, regional and social policies should be devised and implemented without delay to promote the reorganization of European shipbuilding and thus assure it of an appropriate position in the world shipbuilding industry;
9. Therefore calls upon the Council, the Member States and the public and private undertakings concerned to act in good time to ensure the effective and smooth reorganization of this sector;
10. Urges the Commission to consider the possibility of extending assistance from the Fund to persons employed in industries which are directly dependent on shipbuilding and would also be affected by the repercussions of reorganization in this sector;
11. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph of the EEC Treaty;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

##### on the need for Community measures for the desulphurization of fuels

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 22/74),
- having regard to the environmental action programme of the European Communities <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having regard to its past resolutions on energy and environmental policies, in particular:
  - on means of securing adequate energy supplies to satisfy the Community's requirements and guarantee, promote and further improve the Community's competitiveness on the world market as a prerequisite to economic growth, full employment and a forward-looking social policy <sup>(2)</sup>,
  - on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on:
    - (a) the progress necessary in Community energy policy,
    - (b) energy policy: problems and resources 1975 to 1985 <sup>(3)</sup>,
  - on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the programme of environmental action of the European Communities together with proposed measures to be taken in this field <sup>(4)</sup>,

(1) Supplement No 3/73 to the Bulletin of the European Communities.

(2) OJ No C 112, 27. 10. 1972, p. 32.

(3) OJ No C 37, 4. 6. 1973, p. 19.

(4) OJ No C 62, 31. 7. 1973, p. 16.

1. Notes that in seeking a solution to environmental problems arising from the production and utilization of energy, priority must be given to securing energy supplies, since on the one hand, this is one of the prerequisites to the achievement of the objectives of the EEC Treaty, but, on the other, the solution of environmental problems can lead to greater consumption of energy;
2. Reaffirms its view that account must be taken of all energy sources in efforts to secure supplies;
3. Is also of the opinion that the costs of the necessary desulphurization measures will not in general exceed acceptable levels;
4. Calls upon the Commission:
  - (a) to submit proposals on measures for the desulphurization of all fuels or their waste gases covering both producers and users of energy and taking account of the abovementioned facts and limitations;
  - (b) more specifically, to submit proposals for Directives requiring Member States to approve the construction or use of new power stations or oil refineries only where effective and adequate desulphurization of the fuels by reliable methods is ensured, and as soon as possible to bring existing power stations and oil refineries in line with these requirements, unless this results in greater consumption of a limited energy supply;
  - (c) to submit proposals for international agreements of a similar nature with third countries and to obtain from the Council the necessary negotiating authority;
  - (d) to submit proposals for effective coordination of existing research projects on the desulphurization of fuels, and the utilization or dumping of waste products resulting from desulphurization, possibly promoting research projects of this type through the Joint Research Centre, with particular attention to a reduction in process costs whilst maintaining efficiency, and preventing increased consumption of energy and to draw up the necessary time-tables;
5. Instructs its appropriate committees to keep the progress of all these measures under careful review and to report to it where necessary;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 390/73),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 103/74) and the Opinion of the Committee on Energy, Research and Development (Doc. 22/74),
1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal as one of the first practical measures to implement the environmental action programme of the European Communities of 22 November 1973 <sup>(2)</sup>;

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 35, 28. 3. 1974, p. 75.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 112, 20. 12. 1973, p. 3.

2. Notes that the Commission was right to use Article 100 of the EEC Treaty as the legal basis for its proposal, as fundamental differences, having a direct effect on the working of the common market, are apparent in the laws, regulations and administrative provisions now in force or envisaged in the Member States on the sulphur content of liquid fuels;
3. Supports the Commission in its efforts to bring about complete harmonization in this area by replacing the existing provisions of the Member States by Community provisions;
4. Regrets that in view of the wording of Article 4 proposed by the Commission, the Directive is non-binding and calls upon the Commission to make the Directive compulsory in the interests of effective protection of the environment by amending this Article accordingly;
5. Requests the Commission to pursue its work energetically so that a proposal for a Directive on the sulphur content of heavy fuel oils can be submitted during the first half of 1974 and adopted at the same time as the present Directive;
6. Agrees with the Commission that the relatively minor increases in the price of gas oil and in the demand for crude oil which will probably be necessary as a result of implementation of the Directive are fully justified by the basic aim of the Directive to protect the environment;
7. Notes that the proportion of atmospheric pollution caused by heating in private homes could be reduced considerably if regular inspections of the oil burners in private heating systems were made obligatory, and therefore calls upon the Commission to submit in the near future a proposal for a Directive fixing appropriate standards for the construction, maintenance and inspection of heating systems;
8. Expresses the hope that the Commission will not wait until the end of the time limit of 1 October 1980 laid down in Article 6 for the submission of appropriate proposals based on new information regarding the degree of atmospheric pollution due to sulphur dioxide, but will if possible submit its proposal earlier so as to take more account of increasingly rapid technical development;
9. Calls upon the Commission to make sure that the analysis method for the inspection of gas oils placed on the market is determined at the latest when the Directive enters into force;
10. Expects the Council to take a decision on the Commission's proposal within five months of its submission by the Commission, that is, by November 1974 at the latest, in accordance with the Agreement of 5 March 1973 <sup>(\*)</sup> on information for the Commission and for the Member States with a view to possible harmonization of urgent measures;
11. Insists that the Member States, in accordance with the Commission's proposal must comply with the Directive by putting into force internal laws, regulations and administrative provisions within six months of its notification;
12. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph of the EEC Treaty;
13. Requests its committee to ascertain carefully whether the Commission of the European Communities does amend its proposal in accordance with the amendments proposed by the European Parliament, and to report back to it on this matter if necessary;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(\*)</sup> OJ No C 9, 15. 3. 1973, p. 1.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Directive on the coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in respect of the activities of self-employed persons engaged in the retail sale of pharmaceuticals
- II. a Directive on the implementation of freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services in respect of the activities of self-employed persons engaged in the retail sale of pharmaceuticals

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(72) 1375 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 54 (2), 57, 63 (2) and 66 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 273/72),
  - having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Opinion of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 102/74),
  - considering that account must be taken of the progress in economic and social integration achieved in the Community in recent years,
  - considering that account must also be taken of the existing situation in the nine Member States as regards the retail sale of pharmaceuticals,
1. Asks the Commission to withdraw its proposals to the Council;
  2. Asks the Commission to prepare as soon as possible new proposals providing for full and effective freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services in the retail sale of pharmaceuticals sector, while nevertheless safeguarding public health;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the amendments to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concerning the level of the maximum quota applicable to sugar during the 1974/75 marketing year and a Regulation supplementing Regulation No 1009/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in sugar

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals of the Commission to the Council (COM(74) 382 fin. and COM(74) 481 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 59/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 92/74),
- believing that the proposals put forward here represent in fact a declaration by the Commission of a state of scarcity in the sugar market,

— considering that the sugar supplies of the Community must be assured and that to this end sugar produced in excess of the maximum quota must be placed — when needed — on the Community market,

1. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission has taken this sugar scarcity into account;
2. But believes that the proposals of the Commission to safeguard the security of future sugar supplies of the Community may result in a reduction in the incomes of Community sugar producers, given the very high level of sugar prices on the world market;
3. Believes that it is desirable, in order to stabilize existing incomes of sugar producers, to increase the maximum quota to a level sufficient to ensure adequate sugar supplies for the Community, without however producing a surplus, and with the abolition of the production levy;
4. Approves the measures authorizing Italy to increase the supplementary payment to beet growers;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the stunning of animals before slaughter

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 36/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 82/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 44, 19. 4. 1974, p. 27.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 44, 19. 4. 1974, p. 20.

- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 13/74-I),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 83/74),

1. Welcomes the Commission's intention to lay down progressively uniform standards for performance measurement methods, conformation examination, livestock testing methods and conditions of sale;
2. Believes that the main purpose of these proposals, to reduce obstacles to trade in the pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species, will not be achieved until these implementing measures laid out in Article 5 have been put into effect; and therefore urges the Commission to take immediate action for the drawing up of concrete measures;
3. Approves the creation of a Standing Committee on Zootechnics, to the extent that the creation of such a consultative organ does not deprive the Commission of certain attributions laid down in the EEC Treaty and so diminish the Parliament's power of supervision; and emphasizes once more that the Commission alone is responsible before the European Parliament <sup>(1)</sup>;
4. Requests the Commission to make the following amendment to its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph of the EEC Treaty;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Doc 129/67, report by Miss Lulling; Doc. 164/68, report by Mr Brouwer; Doc. 183/69, report by Mr Jozeau-Marigné. See also Written Question by Mr Vredeling, OJ No C 57, 8. 6. 1971, p. 1.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 as regards the fat content of whole milk

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 618 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 99/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 112/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal to put back until 31 December 1975 the date for the introduction of a uniform fat content of whole milk;
  2. Asks the Commission to examine within the shortest possible time the manner in which Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 is applied in each Member State; and whether it is opportune to maintain the provision for the introduction of a minimum fat content of 3.5% for whole milk;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous duties in the Common Customs Tariff on a number of agricultural products

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 567 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 100/74),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 116 74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Reminds the Commission, however, that it has been asked by Parliament to submit a report <sup>(1)</sup> on the reasons for the inadequate supplies of some of the agricultural products referred to in this Regulation;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 49, 28. 6. 1973, p. 51

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation extending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1174/68 of 30 July 1968 on the introduction of a system of bracket tariffs for the carriage of goods by road between Member States

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 465),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 78/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 125/74),

1. Recalls that on 3 April 1974<sup>(1)</sup> it adopted a motion for a resolution concerning a report from the Commission to the Council in connection with the operation of Regulation (EEC) No 1174/68<sup>(2)</sup> and a proposal from the Commission to the Council for a Regulation amending that Regulation;
2. Considers that the present proposal only seeks to continue in force for a further period the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 1174/68 which it has already agreed;
3. Approves therefore the Commission's proposal;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 48, 25. 4. 1974.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 8, 31. 1. 1974.

## RESOLUTION

on the recommendations adopted in Berlin on 28 March 1974 by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the recommendations adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association at its 17th meeting in Berlin on 24 to 28 March 1974 (Doc. 71/74),
  - having regard to the second report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 158/74),
1. Approves the recommendations adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association on 28 March 1974;
  2. Welcomes the entry into force on 1 January 1974 of the Interim Agreement which enables the trade provisions of the Supplementary Protocol to be implemented in advance of the scheduled date and now allows Turkey the benefit of exemption from duty on almost all its industrial exports to the nine EEC Member States;
  3. Also welcomes the new agricultural concessions granted to Turkey by the Community on the same date, pursuant to Article 35 (3) of the Additional Protocol, and the Decision on suspensions of tariff duty which will ensure that Turkey is granted treatment no less favourable than that accorded to States which benefit from the Community's generalized preference system;
  4. Once again expresses its regret, however, that the Council has refused Turkey's request to be included in the list of countries enjoying generalized preferences and urges the Council to reconsider its position;
  5. Shares the concern of the Turkish partners in the Association at the gradual reduction in the preferences granted to Turkey by the Community;
  6. Proposes, therefore, that advantage should be taken of all the opportunities offered by the various agreements and protocols concluded between the EEC and Turkey to allow Turkish products to enjoy all the benefits that Turkey is entitled to except as a signatory of an association agreement which will ultimately lead to full membership of the Community;
  7. Suggests that regular consultations should be arranged between the two parties for this purpose, so that Turkey is kept informed of the concessions granted to third countries by the Community and decisions can be taken on any compensatory measures necessary;
  8. Considers it desirable for a fresh impetus to be given to the Association, which is now entering its second decade, by the implementation of a wide-ranging action programme to facilitate Turkey's eventual membership of the EEC, with a precise time-table for the achievement of its objectives;
  9. Stresses the need for the Community to participate in Turkey's current projects for development in the context of the Third Plan, and hopes that the Association Council will report to Parliament on the results of Community action in this field, in particular through the European Investment Bank, and on any measures likely to increase the effectiveness of this action;
  10. In this connection, draws attention to the importance of closer consultation between the EEC and Turkey on the exploitation of potential natural resources in Turkey, particularly in the oil sector;
  11. Calls upon the Association Council to make full use of the powers of decision conferred upon it by the Additional Protocol to help bring about a solution to the main problems created by the existence of a large Turkish immigrant labour force in the Community Member States, in particular with a view to:
    - (a) promoting the measures necessary to ensure more effective vocational training for Turkish workers;



- (b) ensuring that these workers enjoy greater security of employment and that, in the context of the slackening of economic activity as a result of the energy crisis, they are less affected than workers from third countries in the event of reductions in the level of employment;
  - (c) improving the conditions in which Turkish workers and their families are received by the host country;
12. Regrets that the Association Council was unable to adopt by 31 December 1973, pursuant to Article 39 of the Additional Protocol, the necessary provisions to allow Turkish workers to accumulate periods of insurance or employment in different Member States for purposes of retirement, disability or survivors' pensions and hopes that an early solution will be found to this problem;
13. Draws attention once again to the political objectives of the Association between the EEC and Turkey and proposes that the two parties should hold regular consultations on all major international political questions of mutual interest;
14. Requests from the Association Council a report on the results achieved under existing agreements and protocols and on any measures including a review of existing positions, which may prove necessary to enable the Association to make its full contribution to the attainment of the goals of Turkey's development plan.
15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, the Parliaments of the Member States of the Community and the Turkish Government.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the disposal of waste oils

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 40/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 132/74),
1. Welcomes the Commission' proposal as a further step towards a Community environmental policy, forming part of the broader fields of waste disposal;
  2. Agrees with the Commission in taking Article 100 of the EEC Treaty as a legal basis and, in this connection, reaffirms its previous opinions on the expediency of basing Community measures for protection of the environment on this Article of the Treaty as often as possible;
  3. Supports without reservation the provisions proposed by the Commission aimed at:
    - (a) banning the destruction of waste oils,
    - (b) making regeneration of waste oils obligatory;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 64, 5. 6. 1974, p. 5.

4. Requests the Commission to formulate in clearer terms the prohibition contained in Article 3(3) of the proposal for a Directive under which any processing of waste oils causing air pollution 'which exceeds the minimum compatible with the state of the art' is forbidden;
5. Also requests the Commission to amplify its proposal for a Directive by requiring Member States which have not already done so to arrange for the supervision of firms which dispose of waste oils;
6. Insists that the Commission should give a standard definition of the maximum permissible impurity content of waste oils which have to be stocked separately under Article 8 of the proposal for a Directive;
7. Considers it essential for the Commission to give definite figures for the 'average costs of all firms engaged in the same activities, under similar conditions, in the Member State under consideration' referred to in the third paragraph of Article 13, so that a standard definition can be given for the costs allowed for in calculating the indemnity for the firms disposing of waste oils which represents a payment for services rendered;
8. Requests the Commission to consider how far payment could be made to small consumers for waste oil handed over to provide a better guarantee that waste oils are disposed of safely as aimed at by the Directive;
9. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph of the EEC Treaty;
10. Requests its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission of the European Communities amends its proposal in accordance with the European Parliament's amendments, and, if necessary to report on this matter;
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the importation free of Common Customs Tariff duties of educational, scientific and cultural materials

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted optionally by the Council (Doc. 331/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinion of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 72/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the committee's report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 114, 15. 2. 1974, p. 35.

## RESOLUTION

on the draft estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament for the financial year 1975

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rules 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the decisions of the Bureau and the Committee on Budgets,
  - having regard to the draft estimates drawn up by the appropriate committee (Doc. 156/74),
1. Establishes the estimates of its revenue and expenditure for 1975 at 35866280 units of account on the basis of the following table;
  2. Modifies the European Parliament's establishment plan in accordance with the following table;
  3. Reserves the right to modify its establishment plan during its deliberations on the general budget and to rectify appropriations in the light of new developments;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the attached documents to the Commission of the European Communities and for information to the Council of the European Communities.

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## RESOLUTION

on the setting up of a Public Accounts Committee in the European Parliament

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its resolution of 9 May 1973 on the setting up of a Public Accounts Committee<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 138/74),
  - aware of the extent of the responsibilities conferred upon it by the Treaties in regard to the control of Community expenditure — particularly through the right of discharge that it exercises on the implementation of the Community budget,
  - conscious also of the nature and political implications of this control,
  - anxious to exercise it to the full and with maximum efficiency,
1. Entrusts to the Committee on Budgets the task of reporting to Parliament, whenever it considers this necessary, on all problems connected with the control of Community expenditure;

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 37, 4. 6. 1973, p. 46.

2. Considers that the Committee on Budgets should delegate permanently to its two expert sub-committees -- the Sub-Committee on the Budget of the Communities (Control of Implementation) and the Sub-Committee on the Budget of Parliament -- responsibility for supervising Community expenditure and hence for preparing all studies and working documents relating to this function, and also responsibility for drawing up any proposals for decisions or reports that the Committee on Budgets is required to or intends to submit to Parliament;
3. Considers it necessary, however, for the two sub-committees to be given the possibility of reporting directly to the European Parliament in particularly urgent cases with the approval of the Committee on Budgets;
4. Considers that, in discharging these responsibilities, the two sub-committees should be granted extensive powers of information and investigation, in particular through:
  - the forwarding, both by the Community institutions and by the national authorities, of all documents relating to the implementation of Community expenditure;
  - the hearing of officials or experts from the Community institutions and Member States responsible for matters connected with the implementation of Community expenditure;
  - the carrying out of inspection visits to the Community institutions and national bodies whose activities are connected with the implementation of Community expenditure;
  - permanent assistance from the Audit Board of the Communities;
5. Proposes to add to this resolution in the light of the increased budgetary powers that the European Parliament expects to be granted as a result of the revision of the Treaty of 22 April 1970 and the consequent amendment of the Community Financial Regulation;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the request for the non-automatic carrying forward of appropriations from the financial year 1973 to the financial year 1974 submitted by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council

*The European Parliament,*

- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 6 (2) of the Financial Regulation of the Communities, on the non-automatic carrying forward of appropriations from the financial year 1973 to the financial year 1974 (Doc. 110/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 154/74),
1. Notes the justification for the carrying forward of these appropriations and approves the request;
  2. Requests the Commission to ensure that as from the next financial year applications for the non-automatic carrying forward of appropriations, on which Parliament has to deliver an Opinion, are accompanied by a detailed memorandum on the main operations;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the harmonization of procedures for the release of goods for free circulation

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council on the simplification of customs procedures and formalities (SEC(73) 2334 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 334/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 119/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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(1) OJ No C 14, 15. 2. 1974, p. 45.

## RESOLUTION

on the Council Decision of 13 May 1974 not to draw up a Draft Supplementary Budget No 1 of the European Communities for 1974

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the preliminary Draft Supplementary Budget No 1 proposed by the Commission on 31 January 1974,
- having regard to the Council Decision of 13 May 1974 not to draw up a Draft Supplementary Budget No 1 of the European Communities for 1974,
- recalling the position taken on 29 April 1974 by the Committee on Budgets favouring the drawing up of the draft supplementary budget,
- aware:
  - (a) on the one hand that the extra staff asked for by the Commission correspond to the need to increase immediately the responsibilities for control of Community funds,
  - (b) on the other hand that the proposal from the Commission for a supplementary budget was the direct consequence of the Council's decision not to accept the proposed amendment of Parliament to the budget which envisaged the necessary appropriations for staff,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 155/74),

1. Is surprised that the Council, while rightly affirming the need for strict control, defers once again a decision through the budgetary process by invoking the principle of avoiding as far as possible supplementary budgets during the course of a year;
2. Notes, moreover, that the Council, in deciding not to draw up this Draft Supplementary Budget No 1 for the year 1974, has authorized the Commission to take all necessary steps to have available from 1 January 1975 the 20 supplementary staff attached to its control services and that it envisages that these posts should be regularized subsequently in the budget;

3. Cannot accept that the Council by its decision should devalue the provisions of the Treaty, the Financial Regulation and the Staff Regulations which ordain parliamentary participation through the budgetary procedure — and the exercise of its powers — in the decisions concerning the staff structure of the institutions of the Community;

4. Points out to the Council that in order not to multiply supplementary budgets, Parliament, for its part, could only accept possible draft supplementary budgets presented during the course of 1974 if they include the requests contained in the preliminary Draft Supplementary Budget No 1 and asks therefore that these requests should be incorporated in one single draft supplementary budget;

5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation extending and modifying Council Regulation (EEC) No 2829/72 of 28 December 1972 regarding the Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States**

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,

— having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 120/74),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 157/74),

1. Notes that the Commission proposes to extend until 31 December 1976 the Community quota system laid down by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2829/72<sup>(2)</sup> of 28 December 1972;

2. Also notes that the Commission has retained the 1974 criteria for fixing the number of Community authorizations and their allocation to the Member States in 1975 and 1976;

3. Finds it unacceptable that the Council has not yet taken a decision on the Commission's proposal, approved by the European Parliament<sup>(3)</sup>, for an increase in the quotas of the new Member States in view of the likely implications of the enlargement of the Community, and demands an immediate decision;

4. Considers that if a Member State can provide statistics on the actual use made of Community authorizations, showing cause for exceeding the quota, this Member State should be able to request an increase in its quota;

5. Welcomes the Commission's new approach, announced in this proposal and in its communication to the Council on the development of the common transport policy<sup>(4)</sup>, whereby it undertakes to devise an overall strategy in this sector and hence integrate the Community quota system into the wider context of the required measures governing transport capacity;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 68, 12. 6. 1974, p. 6.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 298, 31. 12. 1972, p. 16.

<sup>(3)</sup> **Doc. 18/73, Doc. 81/73** and OJ No C 49, 28. 6. 1973, p. 7.

<sup>(4)</sup> Doc. 226/73 — COM(73) 1725 fin., 24. 10. 1973.

6. Draws attention to the importance of transport capacity and requests the Commission to proceed without delay with a thorough survey of all the problems raised by transport capacity regulations;
7. Urges the Commission to propose a series of coherent measures early enough for the European Parliament to deliver its Opinion and the Council to adopt a satisfactory Regulation before the expiry of the 1972 Regulation, extended by two years by this proposal for a Regulation;
8. Approves the Commission's proposal;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive obliging the Member States of the EEC to maintain minimum stocks of fuel at thermal power stations**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 352/73),
  - referring to its previous resolutions on energy policy,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 113/74),
1. Considers that this proposal for a Directive should be only the first of a series of proposals for helping to increase the security of energy supplies;
  2. Therefore invites the Commission of the European Communities to take appropriate action;
  3. Endorses the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities but invites it to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
  4. Instructs the committee responsible to study the effects of the proposed stockpiling policy and to report to it if the measures proposed prove inadequate;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C.35, 28. 3. 1974, p. 44.

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## RESOLUTION

on the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to honey

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 179 fin.),
  - having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion by the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 139/74),
  - being unable to approve certain amendments made by the Commission to its original proposal for a Regulation now contained in its proposal for a Directive,
  - having regard to the fact that the Commission has not adopted in its modified proposal some of the amendments put forward in Parliament's earlier Opinion<sup>(1)</sup>,
1. Urgently requests the Commission of the European Communities to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 101, 4. 8. 1970, p. 40.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down special measures for soya beans

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 88/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 131/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 72, 27. 6. 1974, p. 24.



## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the financing of publicity in respect of nursery products

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 144/70),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 134/74),
1. Considers that special measures to increase the outlets for living plants and flowers are particularly useful;
  2. Cannot, however, approve the present proposal which it considers to be difficult to apply and, moreover, of limited effectiveness;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

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(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No C 139, 20. 11. 1970, p. 14 and for the English and Danish versions COM(70) 1029 fin.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota of 30 000 head of heifers and cows, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds, falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff
- II. a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota of 5 000 head of bulls, cows and heifers, not intended for slaughter of certain Alpine breeds, falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 69/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 146/74),
1. Approves on the whole the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities;
  2. Insists on the earliest possible removal of obstacles arising from harmonization of customs and veterinary regulations, which prevent full Community allocation and administration of open quotas;
  3. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No C 52, 7. 5. 1974, p. 10.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on the procedures of the Standing Veterinary Committee

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 117/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 147/74) and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture,

1. Calls on the Commission and Council to take account of the view frequently expressed by the European Parliament reflecting its doubt as to the advisability of establishing committees with other than purely consultative functions;
2. Considers at all events that when the Commission decides on measures in respect of which responsibility has been delegated to it by the Council, these should not be blocked by a simple-majority decision of the Council;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No C 68, 12. 6. 1974, p. 10.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Article 107 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 of 21 March 1972 fixing the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons and their families moving within the Community

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 813 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 160/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 165/74),

1. Notes that the Commission has allowed a rather long period to elapse, notwithstanding the disadvantages arising as a result of international monetary fluctuations, before submitting its proposal concerning the determination of the rate of exchange into one national currency of the amounts of social security benefits expressed in another national currency;
2. Invites the Commission of the European Communities to amend its proposal that the conversion rate should be determined every three months instead of every six months;
3. Accepts for the rest the solution proposed by the Commission;
4. Approves the proposal of the Commission subject to the above amendment;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation extending for the third time the period of validity of Regulations (EEC) No 2313/71 and (EEC) No 2823/71 on the temporary partial suspension of the Common Customs Tariff duties on wine originating in and coming from Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 806 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 168/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 186/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Invites the Commission of the European Communities to do all it can to ensure that a definitive system is instituted as soon as possible within the appropriate context of an overall policy *vis-à-vis* the Mediterranean countries;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the resolution concerning animal and plant health and animal nutrition

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (1),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 108/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 162/74 and Annex),
1. Notes with pleasure that the Commission is aware of the importance of early harmonization of laws, regulations and administrative provisions in the areas concerned for the removal of barriers to trade and the efficient operation of the common market;
  2. Points out the necessity of including all Member States in harmonization process from the outset;
  3. Greatly regrets that the Council has in the past been unable to adopt proposals concerning animal and plant health in good time, thus delaying the removal of barriers to trade required by the Treaty of Rome;
  4. Cannot conceal its scepticism concerning the practicality of the new programme, in view of the fact that substantial parts of the 1968 programme have still not been implemented, in consequence of the inefficiency of the Council;
  5. Notes with regret that the present state of harmonization in the areas of animal and plant health and animal nutrition still falls far short of conditions similar to those existing in a national market, although such a situation has for many years been called for and is expressly provided for in the Treaties;

(1) OJ No C 64, 5. 6. 1974, p. 14.

6. Again calls on the Council, in its future harmonization work in the areas in question, to be guided in accordance with the spirit and letter of the EEC Treaty by the most progressive national regulations in each case, and to adopt them for the whole Community, instead of being content — as has hitherto unfortunately almost always been the case — with agreement at the lowest common denominator;

7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation No 121/67/EEC as regards certain conditions for granting aid for private storage of pigmeat

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 841 fin.),

— having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 137/74),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 183/74),

— whereas preventive action may be required to remedy a market situation characterized by serious price fluctuations at regional level,

— considering that in such a situation aid for private storage may provide a suitable intervention measure to prevent periods of shortage due to cyclical variations in the production of pigmeat,

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;

2. Believes that this intervention measure should be adopted whenever such market situations develop and it is evident that no outlet exists for these products in the under-stocked areas of the Community;

3. Instructs the Commission, however, to keep a close watch to ensure that the proposed rules do not encourage excess production or lead to distortion of competition between the different regions of production in the Community;

4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down special provisions applicable to trade in tomato concentrates between the Community as originally constituted and the new Member States

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 128/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 182/74),

1. Approves the proposal of the Commission;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 72, 27. 6. 1974, p. 28.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on certain measures to be taken in agriculture for Italy as a result of the fixing of a new representative rate for the Italian lira

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 837 II <sup>(1)</sup>),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 133/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 187/74),
- considering that the fixing of a new representative rate for the lira, rendered necessary by the economic situation in Italy, will make it possible for safeguard measures taken under Article 108 of the EEC Treaty to be replaced by measures less disruptive to the functioning of the common agricultural policy,
- considering that this proposal will lead to a reduction in monetary compensatory amounts applied by Italy,

1. Approves the proposed Regulation;
2. Stresses once again that it is imperative to achieve economic and monetary union;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> As amended by COM(74) 1059.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation No 120/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in cereals

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 881 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 175/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 180/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation embodying a Statute for the European Company

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 98/70),
  - having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 178/72), as well as to the supplementary report of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 67/74),
1. Is of the opinion that the divergences presented by the legislation of Member States in the matter of company law are an obstacle to transnational cooperation between undertakings within the common market and consequently stand in the way of economic and monetary union;
  2. Considers that coordination of national legislation in this matter, however valuable, is not enough to solve all the legal and organizational problems facing undertakings, particularly small- and medium-sized undertakings, which desire to cooperate transnationally within the Community;
  3. Therefore welcomes the fact that the Commission has proposed a statute for a European Company, in the form of an original legal mechanism, to deal with the problems raised by the divergences in national legislation and hence facilitate international cooperation between Community undertakings;
  4. Nevertheless considers that the Regulation needs to be brought into line with the other proposals in the field of company law which have meanwhile been drawn up at Community level, in order to avoid objectively unwarranted divergences between national provisions and Community rules;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 124, 10. 10. 1970

5. Considers it necessary to speed up the work on harmonizing taxes payable by companies and shareholders, so that the choice of a registered office for tax purposes is not determined by considerations relating to the taxation to which companies and their shareholders would be subject;
6. Draws attention to the importance of this Regulation, whose effects will be felt in the political as well as the economic sphere;
7. Is furthermore convinced that the concentration and strengthening of Community industries — especially advanced technology industries — and will not only lend considerably more weight to the Community's position on the world market, but will also help it to play a more important political role;
8. Firmly believes that the institution of the European Company will facilitate international business relations, often hampered by prejudice against foreign companies, and encourage the conduct in common of major research and application projects by companies of different nationalities, with all the favourable consequences of such cooperation for the economy of the Community, the strengthening of ties between its peoples and the further development of Community law;
9. Points out that the institution of the European Company will provide undertakings with a useful instrument of access to the capital market, but that the national rules governing such access should be approximated without delay;
10. Affirms its conviction that the proposed statute will afford Community undertakings an adequate instrument for adjusting to the economic dimensions of the Community through the necessary development of technology and productivity, made possible by the enlarged dimensions of the undertakings and by the exchange of technology and capital;
11. Draws attention to the fact that the institution of the European Company will strengthen the competitiveness of European undertakings on the world market;
12. Considers that the formation of European companies will be a major factor in a common industrial policy and, as such, an essential element in the contemplated economic union;
13. Recognizes, in the light of the foregoing, that the institution of the European Company is necessary to attain the objectives of the Treaty of Rome and to create conditions within the Community similar to those in a national market;
14. Further notes that the powers of action specified in the Treaty are not sufficient for the introduction of this new legal mechanism, and therefore considers that the conditions for the application of Article 235 of the Treaty, on which the Commission has based its proposal, are satisfied;
15. Welcomes the fact that the Commission has based its proposal on Article 235, since this means that Community objectives will be attained with the instruments available within the Community legal system and with the effective participation of the European Parliament;
16. Is of the opinion that, though access to the European Company may of necessity be limited in a first stage, it should be rapidly liberalized;
17. Nevertheless invites the Commission to consider the desirability of extending such access, particularly to cooperative societies and limited liability companies;
18. Deems it essential, in view of the legal and practical difficulties which would be raised by the existence of more than one registered office, that the European Company should have a single registered office only;
19. Approves the principle that, in order to avoid distortions of competition, European companies should not be accorded privileged tax treatment in comparison with companies governed by national law;

20. Also agrees that European companies should be entitled to issue both registered shares and bearer shares;
21. Is convinced that the economic, social and political solidarity of Europe is inconceivable without satisfactory participation by employees in the life of the undertaking;
22. Therefore welcomes the fact that the Statute for European companies gives employees the opportunity of actively participating in the life of the undertaking and enables them to make their voice heard on questions affecting security of employment and working conditions;
23. Considers that contacts between employees in the establishments of European companies located in different countries will encourage the emergence of a sound European trade union movement and assist in fixing working conditions and pay in the context of European companies;
24. Considers it desirable, in order to ensure efficient representation of shareholders and employees of the European company, that the Supervisory Board should consist as to one third of representatives of the holders of capital, as to one third of representatives of employees and as to the remaining third of members co-opted by these two categories;
25. Emphasizes that the formation of a European Works Council should not only provide an institutional basis for the fullest possible information of employees' representatives on all major questions affecting the European Company and its establishments, but should also give those representatives an equitable right of co-decision;
26. Recommends the adoption of uniform provisions for the election of members of the European Works Council and of employees' representatives on the Supervisory Board in order to ensure that they are elected in a uniform manner in all the Member States;
27. Welcomes the fact that the agreements provided for between the European Company and the trade unions represented in it will make it possible to conclude European collective agreements and thus eliminate undesirable differences in working conditions and pay in the context of the European Company;
28. Invites the Commission to review the provisions of Title VI of the proposed Regulation on the presentation of accounts in the light of the Opinion delivered by the European Parliament in November 1972 on the corresponding provisions of the proposal for a fourth Directive on the approximation of the legislation of Member States in the matter of company law;
29. Recognizes the value of incorporating provisions defining the concept of a group of undertakings in this Regulation on the European Company, and welcomes the fact that the Commission proposes to introduce a uniform comprehensive system for groups of undertakings that include a European Company;
30. Notes that the rules proposed for such groups broadly meet the economic and functional requirements of the grouping of undertakings;
31. Nevertheless invites the Commission to adapt its proposal to the suggestions put forward on the subject of groups of undertakings in the attached explanatory statement;
32. Further hopes that a similar set of rules will be introduced in the legislation of Member States to avoid discrimination between groups of undertakings including European companies and groups consisting entirely of national companies;
33. Invites the Commission to exercise vigilance to ensure that the Community rules on competition are observed by companies and groups of companies which avail themselves of the present Regulation;
34. Considers that, with regard to the penal provisions, the nature of unlawful acts and the corresponding penalties should be defined in a Community Directive, in order to ensure uniformity of penalties;
35. Deems it essential that this Directive should include a provision ruling out the cumulation of penalties specified for infringements of the proposed Regulation with those specified in the special provisions in force in Member States for national companies;



36. Deems it equally essential that this Directive should be issued by the Council in good time, so that the resulting national laws do not come into force later than the date of application of the proposed Regulation;

37. Approves the Commission's proposal, but invites it to adopt the following amendments, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty, and, in drafting the final text of the Regulation, to take account of the observations contained in the explanatory statement;

38. Invites the Council, taking account also of the final communiqué of the Paris Conference of Heads of State or Government of the countries of the enlarged Community in October 1972, to adopt the proposed Regulation with all possible speed;

39. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

on the conclusions reached at the hearing of experts on the safeguarding of the European Community's energy supplies and on cooperation with the third countries concerned

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 185/74),
- having regard to former resolutions on energy policy and in particular:
  - on immediate measures needed to alleviate the energy supply crisis in the European Community <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - on appropriate medium- and long-term measures for the further alleviation of the energy supply crisis in the European Community <sup>(2)</sup>,

1. Notes the results of the hearing of experts outlined in the accompanying explanatory statement;
2. Instructs its Committee on Energy, Research and Technology to take account of these results when considering any energy policy measures referred to it;
3. Requests the Council and Commission of the European Communities to take into account the results of the hearing of experts when implementing common energy policy measures;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 46.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 55.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication and proposals from the Commission to the Council concerning a new energy policy strategy for the European Community

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication and proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning a new energy policy strategy for the European Community (COM(74) 550 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 136/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 184/74),
- having regard to its earlier resolutions on energy policy, in particular those of:
  - 13 December 1973 on the immediate measures needed to alleviate the energy supply crisis in the European Community <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - 14 March 1974 on appropriate medium- and long-term measures for the further alleviation of the energy supply crisis in the European Community <sup>(2)</sup>,

1. Welcomes the communication and the proposals of the Commission as an important contribution to fresh Community progress towards a common energy policy;
2. Notes that there is substantial agreement between this communication and the resolutions of the European Parliament on the appropriate immediate, medium- and long-term measures needed to alleviate the energy supply crisis in the European Community;
3. Considers that every effort should be made to develop Community energy sources and to encourage coordinated research into new energy sources and, if necessary, appropriate measures, including long-term investment, and comprising the development of domestic energy sources, should be encouraged and supported, bearing in mind the protection of the environment;
4. Urges the Commission to submit as soon as possible the promised detailed communication on the investment aspects of the strategy and invites the Commission to give special attention in this communication to the financing requirements for such investments and possible ways and means of covering these requirements;
5. Points out that the measures proposed can be totally successful only if they are backed by a suitable foreign trade strategy, and therefore calls upon the Commission to submit proposals to this end;
6. Shares the Commission's view that this strategy should not be regarded as final and unalterable, and therefore calls upon it to revise the strategy if necessary in the light of newly-obtained knowledge and of changing political, economic and social conditions, and to submit further proposals for the implementation of all other measures needed to achieve the stated objectives;
7. Requests the Commission to make further proposals on a harmonized price policy for all energy products and energy-producing materials as a contribution to the realization of the objectives of the common energy policy; this policy must be flexible enough to be adapted rapidly to changing circumstances and must preclude distortion of competition;
8. Calls on the Commission to see that, in the framework of a new energy policy strategy, energy still remains as far as possible subject to normal market competition and that there should only be state intervention in as far as is necessary for ensuring energy supplies;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 46.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 55.

9. Emphasizes the advantages of setting up a Community body with legal identity and financial independence to cooperate in the implementation of the tasks laid down in the projected new strategy and asks the Commission for a more detailed description of the kind of body it has in mind;
10. Points out that the aims of the programme can only be achieved if the Community has the requisite resources to provide both the necessary stimulus and the necessary protection;
11. Subject to these conditions, approves the communication and proposals from the Commission, and requests the Commission to report annually to Parliament on the implementation of the objectives defined in the new strategy;
12. Appeals to the Council and Member States to adopt in the interests of the Community and of all Member States, the ambitious but by no means utopian aims set by the Commission;
13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Commission and Council of the European Communities and to the Governments of the Member States.

#### RESOLUTION

**embodying the European Parliament's Opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision adopting a programme of research and education for the European Atomic Energy Community on plutonium recycling in light-water reactors (indirect nuclear project)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 80/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 163/74),
1. Takes the view that a programme of research and education on plutonium recycling in light-water reactors will be useful for increasing the production of nuclear energy through better utilization of available fissile material resources; for the development of plutonium technology, in which the state of knowledge is still fragmentary compared with uranium technology — with the aim of introducing an 'all-plutonium' fast-reactor fuel cycle commercially; for eliminating most of the complex problems relating to the surveillance of unused plutonium stocks; and in preparing the ground for a concerted policy of industrial plutonium utilization in power reactors;
  2. Invites the Commission not to lose sight, in the course of implementation of the programme, of the possibility of utilizing plutonium in other types of thermal reactors;
  3. Notes that some industries and enterprises in Member States have already initiated research in this area with financial support from public or state sources;
  4. Emphasizes the need for close coordination of the Community programme with national programmes to ensure that the first effectively complements the second. Requests, therefore, that the establishment of a consultative management committee, suggested in the explanatory statement to the Commission's proposal, be explicitly mentioned in the text of the proposed Decision with the indication that the committee's specific task would be to advise the Commission on the conclusion of contracts under the programme in order to avoid unnecessary duplication;
  5. Approves the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities and invites it to adopt the following addition, pursuant to Article 119, second paragraph, of the EAEC Treaty;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution and its committee's report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 68, 12. 6. 1974, p. 5.

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## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a revision of the multi-annual research programme

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a revision of the multi-annual research programme (COM(74) 500),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 89/74),
- having regard to former resolutions on research activities and in particular:
  - the future of the Joint Research Centre and the establishment of a multi-annual research and training programme <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - the proposals for the environmental action programme of the European Communities together with draft measures in this field <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular paragraph 7 thereof,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinions of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 161/74),

1. Welcomes the proposals for the revision of the multi-annual research programme, particularly with regard to research activities in the EEC, since they represent a contribution to the progress required in the research sector;
2. Notes, however, that it was not consulted early enough and as a result once again suffered from a shortage of time even though the Council and Commission, knowing the deadlines, could have acted differently;
3. Disapproves of the confused and unmethodical way in which the document was compiled, resulting in an unusual degree of difficulty in examining the political implications of the projects, and urges the Commission to draw up its 1975 revision proposals more clearly and to submit them in good time;
4. Approves, subject to material and political reservations, the Commission's proposals without amendment only because it does not want in any way to hinder the Community research that it has repeatedly called for;
5. Reserves the right, therefore, in view of the circumstances under which it was consulted to subject the Commission's proposals to a closer subsequent examination and to state its conclusions in another motion for a resolution in which it will enumerate its wishes in respect of the second revision of the multi-annual research programme;
6. Draws the attention of the institutions of the Community responsible for consultation to the fact that they must bear the consequences if at the time of the next revision of the research programme Parliament should again be faced with a shortage of time;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 112, 27. 10. 1972, p. 19.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 62, 31. 7. 1973, p. 16.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive amending Directive No 71/307/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to textile names

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 107/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 190/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No C 68, 12. 6. 1974, p. 13.

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## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation extending the arrangements applicable to trade with Tunisia beyond the date of expiry of the Association Agreement
- II. a Regulation extending the arrangements applicable to trade with Morocco beyond the date of expiry of the Association Agreement

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1019/fin./B),
- having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 188/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 196/74),

1. Considering that the Agreements setting up an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia and the Kingdom of Morocco expire on 31 August 1974, and having regard to the negotiations currently taking place for the extension of these Agreements, is of the opinion that the arrangements applied by the Community to trade with Tunisia and Morocco within the framework of the association with these countries should be extended;
2. Approves the Commission's proposals;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the control of carnation leaf-rollers

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 77/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 181/74),

1. Approves the proposal from the Commission;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(1) OJ No C 52, 7. 5. 1974, p. 16.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a communication on the food aid policy of the European Economic Community

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 300 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 37/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 171/74),
- having regard to the alarming reports and publications from the aid organizations, particularly the FAO,
- having regard to the fact that the food deficit is becoming greater while the world's population continues to increase,
- having regard to the Community's responsibilities in the world, in particular towards the developing countries,

1. Welcomes the Commission's memorandum as a first step towards including food aid policy in the Community programme and sees it as the beginning of European aid measures on a Community basis;
2. Takes the view that improved multilateral and bilateral coordination will help to avoid double expenditure and to improve the effectiveness of aid, and requests the Commission to do everything in its power to work out common basic principles for a long-term development strategy and food aid policy;
3. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to increase food aid in the coming years in keeping with the EEC's economic stature;

4. Takes the view that increased aid also has political advantages since it would become part of a general European development and peace policy and thus enhance the Community's moral stature in the world and contribute to the fulfilment of the obligations and objectives of the second development decade;
5. Acknowledges the Commission's efforts to free food aid policy from the internal market aspects of the European Community's agricultural policy and to set this policy on a new basis characterized by humanitarian considerations and those of development policy;
6. Approves the overall political conception of the memorandum and supports in particular the proposals for the first indicative three-year programme (1974/75 and 1976/77), since this is to be carried out entirely in the form of Community aid;
7. Draws the Commission's attention to the fact that the 'Europeanization' of food aid policy, like the development policy as a whole, must be taken into account in working out EEC internal policy, in particular economic and monetary policy;
8. Requests the Commission to make the necessary administrative and technical arrangements for setting food aid policy on a Community basis in order to obviate any initial difficulties;
9. Recalls that an extension of Community aid requires an economic and practical solution of storage, transport, distribution and supply problems in the recipient countries, and calls for an appropriate control system to be set up;
10. Points out that the minimum and maximum amounts laid down in the indicative programme represent only a fraction of what is needed by the developing countries to cover food shortages and therefore appeals urgently to the Community to extend aid further in the coming years;
11. Requests the Commission to include in the Community budget the funds necessary for implementing the planned indicative programme in the time limit set;
12. Welcomes the formation of reserves to combat possible price increases and to meet transport costs, but believes that in view of the rising inflation and transport rates the appropriations for these reserves are too low and should therefore be increased;
13. Draws the Commission's attention to the fact that not only the quantity but also the quality of the products should be increased in future, emphasis being placed on increased supplies of foodstuffs with high protein contents;
14. Welcomes the Community's medium term supply plans in the field of food aid, since these will make it easier to include aid in the development plans and programmes of the recipient countries;
15. Is convinced, however, that food aid is not a final solution and should only be given until the vicious circle of unemployment, poverty; inadequate effective demand, low production of foodstuffs and malnutrition is broken;
16. Requests the Commission to take steps to ensure that food aid does not have detrimental effects either on the agriculture of the recipient countries or on international trade;
17. Recommends the Commission to consider how more use can be made of food aid for project and programme aid, for instance the food-for-work projects;
18. Calls on the Commission to consider whether, on account of the sharp increase in fertilizer prices, the Community could not perhaps consider a distribution system for fertilizers or set up a kind of world reserve bank for fertilizers in which the EEC and the other industrialized countries would be involved; financial operations for the establishment of fertilizer factories in the developing countries might also be possible;

19. Would like information from the Commission on whether more agricultural experts could be sent to the developing countries particularly afflicted by hunger in order to improve the still inadequate agricultural infrastructures;
20. Requests the Commission to take more account, in defining the Community food aid policy, of the actual development needs of the countries concerned and to involve the developing countries directly in the efforts at coordination;
21. Calls for greater publicity to be given to the present catastrophic world food situation and for the public to be mobilized for urgent action;
22. Urges the Commission to work out a comprehensive concept for the alleviation of world hunger problems for the coming world food conference in Rome and would like the Community to show a united front at this conference;
23. Calls on the Council to establish administrative procedures to enable the Community food aid policy to be implemented quickly and efficiently, and to confer appropriate powers on the Commission;
24. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the Governments of the Member States and, for information, to the FAO.

#### RESOLUTION

on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning an attempt to neutralize certain international price movements for the most affected developing countries

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning an attempt to neutralize certain international price movements for the most affected developing countries (SEC(74) 1121 fin.),
  - having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the forms and financing arrangements for Community participation in a special international operation to aid those developing countries most affected by recent international price movements (COM(74) 815),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 177/74),
1. Welcomes the initiative taken by the European Community to organize a special international operation to aid those developing countries most affected by recent international price movements;
  2. Stresses that the participation of the other industrialized nations and potential donor countries is an absolute prerequisite for the success of the operation to be undertaken;
  3. Expects the Community to play an active part in the international bodies responsible for deciding the lines on which action is to be taken;



4. Requests the European Community to continue, if necessary and if possible, and in close cooperation with the other partners, its efforts beyond the initial 12-month period currently planned;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities, and, for information, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation to extend the list of products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff, in respect of which the scheme of generalized preferences in favour of developing countries is applicable under Council Regulation (EEC) No 3506/73 of 18 December 1973

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 104/74),
  - recalling its resolutions of 6 October 1970 <sup>(2)</sup>, 9 June 1971 <sup>(3)</sup>, and 13 December 1973 <sup>(4)</sup>,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 172/74),
1. Regrets that the Commission has not proposed to the Council a more substantial extension of the list of products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff in respect of which the scheme of generalized preferences is applicable;
  2. Draws attention once again to the importance for developing countries, and especially the least developed ones, of exports of processed agricultural products; this factor has become even more important during the past year in view of the distressing economic situation of these countries resulting from the increased prices of raw materials;
  3. Regrets that greater account has not been taken of the importance for a number of Asian countries of exports of some of their specialities;
  4. Repeats its request made earlier to the Commission to review the criteria according to which a country is deemed to be a 'developing country';
  5. Notes with dissatisfaction that a number of important industrialized countries still appear to be unable to accept their responsibilities in this respect towards the developing countries, to the detriment not only of the developing countries but also of those industrialized countries which do grant preferences;
  6. Believes, furthermore, that Community policy should be based on both the reasonable desires and needs of the developing countries and the actual capacity of the Community;
  7. Points out once more that the Community cannot carry out a development policy acceptable to all strata of the population unless it ensures that the burden of it does not fall on particular population groups;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 64, 5. 6. 1974, p. 8.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 129, 26. 10. 1970.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No C 66, 1. 7. 1971.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974.

8. Approves the Commission's proposals subject to the above considerations;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for their information, to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and the Secretary-General of OECD.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the customs treatment applicable to goods returned to the customs territory of the Community

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 28, 43 and 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 79/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 126/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 72, 27. 6. 1974, p. 20.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the financing of the sale of beef and veal at reduced prices to certain categories of consumer

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1111 fin. B-II),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 204/74),
  - having regard to the Report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 203/74),
- considering that the situation on the beef market, characterized in the past months by abnormally low prices and important intervention stocks,
- considering that this situation is aggravated by the technical impossibility to intervene on a sufficient scale to relieve the market, and that the Commission has proposed other measures to facilitate sales of surplus beef, and in particular the sales of beef and veal to certain categories of consumers at a reduced price,

1. Asks the Commission to carry out an investigation in depth with regard to the serious difficulties existing on the beef and veal market, and asks, furthermore, that the Commission introduce effective measures to prevent these difficulties re-occurring in the future;
2. Asks the Commission to examine thoroughly, within the framework of normal trade practices, all the possibilities:
  - (a) of further reducing, temporarily, imports of beef from third countries;
  - (b) of increasing the sales of beef at acceptable prices on the world market;
3. Requests that within the Community all qualities of beef meat be released from stocks at prices acceptable to all consumers;
4. Calls upon Member States to examine the possibilities of improving distribution networks;
5. Asks Member States to market beef at a reduced price in such a manner that individual dignity is not impaired;
6. Requests the Commission to draw up a report, after the implementation of these measures, concerning additional sales resulting from these measures, broken down according to countries and categories of consumers benefiting from these measures;
7. Approves, in principle, the Commission's proposal, subject to these reservations;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- a Regulation amending the prices applicable in agriculture for the 1974/75 marketing year
- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 974/71 on certain measures of conjunctural policy to be taken in agriculture following the temporary widening of the margins of fluctuation for the currencies of certain Member States
- a Regulation fixing a new representative exchange rate to be applied in agriculture for the pound sterling and the Irish pound
- a Decision on the level of interest payment provided for in Article 8 (2) of Council Directive No 72/159/EEC of 17 April 1972
- a Regulation fixing the norm price for soya beans for the 1974/75 marketing year

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (74) 1446, 1445, 1444, 1443, 1241 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 240/74 and Doc. 232/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 248/74),

- with reference to the resolution of the European Parliament of 1 February 1974 on the proposals for fixing agricultural prices for the 1974/75 marketing year <sup>(1)</sup>,
- considering the further decline in income in large sectors of agriculture in recent months, due, in particular, to rapidly rising costs of fodder, fuels and gas, fertilizers and pesticides, and also to the unfavourable market situation for important agricultural products,
- concerned that a falling supply of maize and soya will lead to further price rises in feedstuffs in the near future,
- concerned that measures should be taken in agricultural policy which will tend to neutralize and alleviate the grave consequences for European agricultural incomes of the constant rise in production costs and the fall in producer prices,
- convinced that it is also necessary to guarantee producers a fair standard of living pursuant to Article 39 of the EEC Treaty and thus also to ensure that the consumer has a secure supply of food at reasonable prices,
- whereas the continuing monetary uncertainty within the Community threatens the basic structure of the common agricultural policy and further aggravates current problems,
- conscious that the common agricultural market can be safeguarded, or rather re-established, only by joint anti-inflation measures and practical progress in the field of economic and monetary union,
- bearing in mind especially that the present situation should not obscure the fact that the world is entering a period of food shortage, and that in the interest of consumers and producers Community agriculture must therefore continue to expand; this requires guaranteed fair prices for farmers and a genuine incomes policy,

*As regards the price proposals:*

1. Considers it necessary to introduce rapidly an interim price rise of at least 6% on average in order to cover the exceptional cost increases in agriculture; feels that in view of the special circumstances affecting certain products, it should be possible to deviate from the general rate of increase in prices;
2. Regards as a positive step the Commission's promise to submit in the near future price proposals for the 1975/76 marketing year to take into account the recent rises in the cost of almost all production factors in agriculture, and urges the Council to decide on these proposals in the near future;
3. Considers it necessary in view of the current situation, in which the supply of agricultural products on the world market in a number of sectors falls short of the demand for food, to introduce a price policy which will encourage European agriculture to contribute as much as possible to the solution of the world food problem;
4. Requests that this price policy be based on a market policy which on the one hand will ensure supplies on the common market and, on the other, compensate producers for rising costs and ensure them an equitable income;
5. Is aware of the danger that, as a result of market relations on the world market and on the common market, the EEC may take unilateral measures to restrict imports or exports to the detriment of third countries; considers that, where such measures prove to be absolutely indispensable, they should be taken only in consultation with the third countries concerned, where necessary by offering adequate financial compensation;
6. Emphasises the importance for both producers and consumers of an increase in the production of high-quality produce and the need for more efficient marketing to ensure continuity of such supplies to the consumer and promote greater stability of price at the retail level;

(1) OJ No C 23, 8. 3. 1974.

7. Approves the norm price for soya beans proposed by the Commission for the 1974/75 marketing year;

*As regards the monetary proposals:*

8. Considers it timely, in view of the current situation, to attempt to reduce the tensions in trade between Member States caused by monetary disparities;

9. Is of the opinion that the Commission's proposals are only a first step in restoring conditions of real competition and, as a result, a genuine common market;

10. Urges the Commission, therefore, to make still more efforts towards the final alignment of the green currencies in order to restore the common agricultural market;

11. Considers it necessary therefore to devalue the representative rate of the Irish pound by 15.3%;

12. Considers that the present situation on the world cereal market and the internal Community cereal market logically and necessarily requires the repeal of Article 4a (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 974/71;

13. Considers it desirable for the system of compensatory monetary amounts to be made more flexible and its effect limited by the application of a 2% exemption;

14. Considers it desirable, in the light of the proposed measures in the monetary field, to abolish the Italian surety, which tends to restrict imports, as soon as possible;

15. Agrees with the Commission that the adjustment of the English and Irish green pound does not only tie these two Member States more closely to the common agricultural market but also improves the position of Irish agricultural exports;

*As regards structural policy measures:*

16. Considers that, in view of the sharp rise in interest rates and the differences in interest rates among the Member States, it should be possible to increase the interest subsidies further than the 6% maximum proposed by the Commission for undertakings which are modernizing themselves in the framework of the Directives for the Community structural policy;

17. Considers that the income criteria used in the Directives on structural policy for the modernization of farms and the cessation of agricultural activities should be adapted to the fall in the value of money and to the overall rise in income in other sectors;

18. Considers that rapid introduction of the regional policy is an essential precondition for the modernization of agriculture;

19. Considers that, in order to solve the problems of the farmers concerned, and for environmental reasons, the Directive on hill-farming and less-favoured agricultural regions should come into effect as soon as possible;

20. Considers that current circumstances require special measures to solve the problems of young farmers and requests the Commission to submit practical proposals as soon as possible in accordance with its undertaking;

21. Considers it essential to implement a policy of coordination, organization and information with respect to distributive networks and their operating conditions in order to ensure a better guarantee of prices for both consumers and producers;

22. Considers that the Directives on structural policy should be implemented rapidly in all Member States;

*As regards national measures:*

23. Expresses concern that unilateral national measures have been taken — in particular those linked to individual products — which involve contravention of Articles 92 and 94 of the Rome Treaty;

24. Considers it imperative that the aid measures required to cope with the present crisis should be taken at Community level and that all national aid measures should be suspended;

25. Considers, however, that Community measures of a fiscal nature and measures of a social nature having a purely internal effect could be justified in order to improve the income situation in agriculture;

26. Points out once again, moreover, that all such measures should be integrated as far as possible into a Community framework;

27. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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## RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive concerning forestry measures**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 6/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 169/74),
- recalling that on several occasions in the past <sup>(2)</sup> it has recognized the need for Community forestry measures in view of the fact that the balance between agricultural, forest, and pasture land is one of the objectives of the structural policy,
- aware that an increase in forest land on the territory of the Community would contribute to the protection and growth of the productivity of the soil and bring with it ecological advantages in the interests of the entire population,
- convinced that measures providing incentives to forestry activity will promote economic development and employment and further the growth of the Community's forestry resources, which are at present insufficient to meet the ever-growing demand for wood,

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 44, 19. 4. 1974, p. 14.

<sup>(2)</sup> See: (a) the resolution adopted on 11 February 1971, on the basis of the provisional report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 253/70), relating to proposals on the reform of agriculture, (OJ No C 19, 1. 3. 1971, p. 26);

(b) the resolution adopted on 10 May 1973, on the basis of the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 11/73), relating to the proposals on agriculture in mountain areas and in certain other poorer farming areas (OJ No C 37, 4. 6. 1973, p. 56).

1. Notes with satisfaction the proposal by the Commission of the European Communities to provide for the financial participation by the EAGGF in the specific actions to be carried out by the Member States and hopes that the Council will take a decision on this Directive without delay since the measures contained in it will only be felt in the medium term;
2. Approves in broad outline this proposal for a Directive and calls upon the Commission of the European Communities to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
3. Wonders, moreover, whether provision should not be made for a revision of the terms of the Directive, after a period of three years following its entry into force, to determine, in the light of experience gained, whether the scope of certain of the measures should not be extended with a view to making the use of land for forestry purposes and forestry in general more attractive;
4. Considers it essential that provision be made for financial help by the Community for all those occasionally costly but indispensable activities and investments concerned with preventing and fighting fire and urges the Commission to use every means at its disposal to combat this serious problem;
5. Also calls upon the Commission to promote research and experimentation in the forestry sector, to work towards effective cooperation at Community or international level and to organize the sharing of the results for the benefit of interested sectors;
6. Requests the Commission and the Council, when a decision is taken on these proposals, to adjust the maximum amounts provided for in Article 11 (4) in respect of the Community's financial contribution in order to take account of foreseeable increases in costs likely to obtain on the date of the Directive's entry into force in the Member States;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for certain eels falling within subheading ex 03.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff for 1975

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 127/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 198/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 68, 12. 6. 1974, p. 7.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation altering the intervals at which the standard values are fixed to be used in calculating financial compensation in respect of fishery products

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 90/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 259/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 64, 5. 6. 1974, p. 7.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2108/70 of 20 December 1970 determining the Community scale for grading pig carcasses

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 150/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 239/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Hopes that the Community scale for grading pig carcasses will be applied in all the Member States as soon as possible;
3. Considers it most important for the Commission to draw up a technical report within an appropriate period on the progress of research into the application of the Community scale for grading pig carcasses;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 72, 27. 6. 1974, p. 31.



## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation on the financing of the beef and veal publicity campaign
- II. a Regulation on the financing of the system of premiums for the orderly marketing of certain adult bovine animals for slaughter
- III. a Regulation on the financing of advertising and publicity campaigns designed to promote the consumption of meat

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council and the proposal amended by the Commission pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty (COM(74) 1156 fin. A, 1260 fin. and 1463 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 218/74 and Doc. 269/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 262/74),
  - having regard to the necessity of alleviating the disturbing situation on the beef and veal market,
1. Withholds its approval from the proposal on the financing of advertising and publicity campaigns designed to promote the consumption of meat;
  2. Approves the Commission's original proposals;
  3. Points out that the proposed beef and veal publicity campaign and the system of premiums for the orderly marketing of certain adult bovine animals for slaughter can achieve the intended results only if combined with other administrative measures to relieve the market;
  4. Considers it important that ways also be sought to stimulate sales of beef and veal on the markets of third countries, in the context of the relevant trade agreements;
  5. Urges a continuing analysis of measures to restore equilibrium on the market, taking into account producers' incomes and customers' interests;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation No 1009/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in sugar

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 233/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 261/74),

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 113, 25. 9. 1974, p. 63.

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1351/73 as regards the basic price of the standard quality for pig carcasses

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 255/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 256/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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(1) OJ No C 112, 24. 9. 1974, p. 1.

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#### RESOLUTION

on the internal rules of procedure for consideration of the draft general budget of the Communities for the 1975 financial year

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Treaty of 22 April 1970 amending certain budgetary provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Communities and the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities,
- recalling that the provisions of the Treaty of 22 April 1970 are applicable to the procedures for the 1975 budget of the Communities,
- regretting, however, that it has not been possible to amend the provisions of this Treaty before its entry into force, in spite of the undertakings entered into by the Commission in its new proposals on the strengthening of the budgetary powers of the European Parliament,
- considering that if Article 78 of the ECSC Treaty, Article 203 of the EEC Treaty and Article 177 of the Euratom Treaty are to be applied, it will be necessary to lay down the following specific rules,

1. Has agreed provisionally to consider and establish the budget of the Communities for the financial year 1975 in accordance with the provisions set out in Articles 1 to 6 below;
2. Instructs its President to take all the necessary internal measures for the implementation of the rules contained in these Articles and to inform it of his action.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the establishment of a European Vocational Training Centre

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 70/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Opinions of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 231/74),
1. Notes that a new impetus must be given to Community action in the area of vocational training, having regard to the disappointing results of past activity;
  2. Views the proposed centre as an effective instrument for action and incentive at Community level;
  3. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  4. Believes that the main function of the centre should be to submit the results of its work to the Commission which would then use them in initiating action and formulating Community legal instruments;
  5. Stresses therefore the need for the centre to enjoy autonomy and to have the power of initiative, although it must act in close cooperation with the Community institutions so as to contribute effectively to the coordination of action in the area of vocational training;
  6. Also believes that a second task of the centre, in view of its relatively limited organizational structure, should be to make use of the existing structures in the individual Member States; within that framework it should then organize and finance the implementation of specific operations, experiments and pilot projects whose results should be communicated to all the interested circles so that similar action is initiated throughout the Community;
  7. Considers the operational budget of the centre altogether inadequate, in comparison with its functional expenditure or the budget of other institutes whose creation has been proposed by the Commission, especially when the tasks entrusted to it are taken into account, and feels therefore that the Commission must provide for a substantial increase in the operational budget and the Council must make the necessary appropriations available;
  8. Considers it vital for the future centre to work out European profiles for the various occupations, and harmonized plans for courses and training programmes so as to facilitate the mutual recognition of diplomas and qualifications;
  9. Expresses its own satisfaction at the fact that the social partners are adequately represented on the management board of the centre;
  10. Suggests on the other hand that the strength of the Experts Committee should be increased, as the present figure of two experts per Member State does not allow adequate representation of national technical and scientific circles;
  11. Urges the Commission to make practical proposals regarding the seat of the centre;
  12. Invites the Commission to make the following amendments to its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
  13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(1) OJ No C 72, 27. 6. 1974, p. 17.

## RESOLUTION

on the principles of the common transport policy, embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the development of the common transport policy

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council on the development of the common transport policy <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 226/73),
  - having regard to the report of its Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 215/74),
  - wishing to see further Community development towards economic and monetary union,
  - having regard to the undeniable fact that such development will not be possible without the introduction of a common transport policy,
  - recognizing that the small steps so far taken by the Communities in this area are by no means adequate for the creation, in the transport sector, of the necessary prerequisites for a genuine economic union,
  - having regard to the fact that already, through the lack of a common transport policy, economic decisions are constantly leading to the mis-directed use of capital and labour, to an imbalanced regional distribution of economic activities and to structural distortions of the European economy since, now that customs barriers have been removed, transport costs play much the same role in international trade as customs duties did previously,
  - having regard to the need to restore the confidence of the public and the sectors of the economy concerned in the achievement of a common transport policy, a confidence badly shaken by developments during the years that have elapsed since the foundation of the Community,
1. Calls for the immediate introduction of a coherent common policy for transport by rail, road and inland waterway;
  2. Requests the Council of the European Communities to apply Article 84 (2) of the Treaty without delay so that sea and air transport can also, in so far as is necessary, be included in this coherent common transport policy since, if it does not do so, any such policy is bound to remain fragmentary, at least since the accession of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom to the Community and also calls for the development of a common seaport policy;
  3. Welcomes the fact that, in its communication of 24 October 1973, the Commission submitted a comprehensive concept of a common transport policy and approves its basic approach;
  4. Requests the Commission to revise its communication on the basis of the following alterations and additions <sup>(2)</sup>;
  5. Requests the Commission also to submit to the Council, on the basis of the communication so amended, a proposal for a Decision enabling the Council to approve the principles of the communication as a whole without discussing all the individual details thereof;
  6. Urges the Council to adopt the said Decision and so restore the confidence of the public and those concerned in the establishment of a common transport policy;

<sup>(1)</sup> COM(73) 1725 fin., 24. 10. 1973.

<sup>(2)</sup> See the Annex to the minutes of proceedings of this sitting.

7. Urges the Commission also to submit to the Council without delay proposals for the general discussion and adoption of the first-stage (up to 1976) measures envisaged in the timetable of the communication and requests the Council, after consulting Parliament on all details on which it has not yet delivered an opinion, to hold a prolonged meeting during which it will take decisions on these proposals;

8. Requests the Commission to take into consideration the following principles and procedures in its further proposals to the Council:

#### *I. Two-stage plan for introducing the common transport policy*

- (a) The transitional period envisaged in the Commission's communication for the introduction of the common transport system will take place in two stages. The first stage will cover the period from 1974 to 1976 (see Section IV); the second will begin in 1977 and finish in 1983 or earlier, with the ultimate introduction of economic and monetary union.
- (b) The measures for the first stage should be adopted by the Council at one of its meetings in the near future (before mid-1975) and it must be ensured that all the necessary legal acts can come into effect by 31 December 1976.
- (c) At the same meeting, the Council should draw up a list of objectives for the second stage, giving a description of the final stage of the common transport policy planned for the time when economic and monetary union comes into effect in sufficiently binding terms to enable those affected to plan accordingly.
- (d) An action programme for the second stage will be submitted by the Commission by the end of 1975 and adopted by the Council by the end of 1976, early enough for the measures planned for the second stage to be adopted and implemented gradually from 1977 onwards.

#### *II. Basic principles of the common transport policy*

The measures taken during the two introductory stages and the future common transport policy after the common transport market has come into being must be guided by the following basic principles:

- (a) Transport policy must be integrated rationally into the Community's overall economic and social plan, due regard naturally being given to the distinctive features of the transport sector.
- (b) Transport policy must help to create conditions conducive to the establishment of economic and monetary union by allowing the greatest possible freedom of movement of persons, goods and information (establishment of a common market in transport).
- (c) Transport policy must be geared to the objectives of the common regional policy.
- (d) In formulating transport policy the transport market — in other words the market for the transportation services provided by the various modes of transport — must be treated as a unit, and the European transport infrastructures as a single coherent network with adequate provision for all areas of the Community.
- (e) Competition between the modes of transport and between individual undertakings within each of them should stimulate progress, and should if necessary be kept under control by transport policy measures regulating capacity and pricing.
- (f) Within the above limits defined by transport policy, users should have a free choice between the competing means of transport.
- (g) To ensure that the free choice enjoyed by the transport user has a favourable influence on the economy as a whole, all artificial distortions in costs as between undertakings in different branches of transport and in different countries must be removed, which means that discrimination in social, technical and fiscal provisions must be eliminated.

- (h) Transport undertakings must cover their overall costs in full (principle of economic viability) and all decisions on public investment in the transport sector must be based on this principle. Departures from the economic viability principle for reasons of social or regional policy or for any other overriding considerations will be inevitable. In such cases proposals should be made for financing from public funds. Any transport undertakings adversely affected should be compensated.

### III. *Establishment of a common transport market*

At the end of the second stage a common transport market must exist, characterized by the following:

- (a) Freedom of establishment for transport undertakings throughout the territory of the Community. Where access to the market is restricted by quotas or subjective access criteria, such restriction must be based on common principles and the citizens of all Member States must have equal access to the market.
- (b) Complete freedom of movement for transport workers. Where access to the occupation of transport worker is subject to examinations or diplomas these must be based on uniform principles, they must be mutually recognized and citizens of all Member States must be guaranteed equal access to training courses and examinations.
- (c) Freedom to supply services must be established in the transport sector. Trans-frontier transport and international transport from and to the sovereign territory of a Member State operated by Community transport undertakings should not be subject to more stringent capacity controls than domestic transport in the various countries. The same applies to permission for Community transport undertakings to operate in a Member State where they are not resident. Shipping operated by Community undertakings must enjoy freedom on all European inland waterways and third countries should be permitted to operate on the basis of reciprocity.
- (d) The restrictions on transport between parts of a Member State by ships flying the flag of another Member State must be abolished.
- (e) A common air transport policy must be developed through multilateral negotiations on landing rights and air route planning within the Community and in relation to third countries.
- (f) Cooperation between railway systems should be promoted by setting up a permanent umbrella organization of the nine state railways, within which the various bodies concerned can work towards progressive harmonization of fares, freight charges and conditions of carriage, ending of the splitting up of freight, and especially bulk freight, at the frontier, technical harmonization, joint planning of equipment procurement and removal of all obstacles at frontier crossings, particularly by speeding up formalities.

### IV. *Measures during the first stage*

- (a) The Council of the European Communities should, at a prolonged meeting before mid-1975, adopt the following proposals put forward by the Commission in its programme of priorities, on which Parliament has already delivered its Opinion, in certain cases some considerable time ago:
- Regulation of the Community quota for the trans-frontier road haulage.
  - Authority to negotiate on bus and coach traffic with third countries.
  - Arrangements for the laying up of inland waterway vessels.
  - Arrangements for access to work and freedom of establishment in transport.

- Ratification of the AETR <sup>(1)</sup> and provisions supplementing Regulation (EEC) No 543/69 (harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport).
  - Harmonization of driving licences.
  - Finalization of maximum permissible dimensions and weights for lorries.
  - Harmonization of provisions on the technical inspection of motor vehicles.
  - First step towards the harmonization of motor vehicle taxes.
  - Adoption of the system of payment for the use of transport infrastructures.
  - Common regulation of the financial relations between states and railways.
  - Initial steps towards a common air transport policy.
- (b) By the beginning of 1975 the Commission should submit proposals for the following measures, to enable the Council to adopt them by mid-1975:
- Development of the consultation procedure on infrastructures with the aim of progressing from a mere exchange of information to permanent cooperation through consultation meetings, drawing up joint infrastructure programmes, and in particular developing effective joint decision-making machinery for long-term investment projects, such as the 'Channel Tunnel', the tunnel through the Alps, the introduction of new transport techniques, discouragement of private motoring in favour of the use of public transport, etc.
  - Overall proposal for capacity control in road haulage, in particular replacement of bilateral quotas by the Community quota, harmonization of procedures for capacity control of road haulage within Member States and procedures for possible abolition of quota restrictions, although it is essential to keep open the possibility of reintroducing them in the event of market disturbances.
  - Overall proposal for capacity control in inland waterway transport, with a Community procedure for capacity control, since the laying-up arrangement cannot, on its own, solve the problem in all situations.
  - Overall proposal for the regulation of prices for the carriage of goods by all modes of transport at both domestic and international levels, based on the greatest possible freedom in fixing prices whilst ensuring publicity of prices and providing for common procedures to enable effective action to be taken quickly in the event of market disturbances.
  - Extension of the harmonization of social legislation to transport by inland waterway and rail, as well as to air and sea transport.
  - First steps towards a common sea transport policy.
- (c) The Commission should by the end of 1975 submit to the Council official proposals on the following issues, to enable the Council to adopt the necessary legislation by mid-1976:
- Road safety programme, including the draft of a uniform European road traffic code, incorporating the harmonization results achieved so far by the ECE and ECTM.
  - Improvement of transport statistics to enable them to be used as an instrument of transport policy, particularly in connection with forward-planning projects under the infrastructure policy and market surveillance for the purpose of capacity and price regulation.
  - Creation of joint financing instruments for infrastructure projects in which the Community interest greatly outweighs the interest of the States concerned, particularly in connection with the closure of gaps in the transport infrastructure network at the Community's internal frontiers.

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(1) Economic Commission for Europe, Committee on Internal Transport: 'European agreement on the work of vehicle crews engaged in international road haulage (AETR)', Geneva, 19 April 1962.

- Joint research programme for new transport techniques.
- Joint programme for the promotion and harmonization of vocational training for all modes of transport.

#### *V. Measures during the second stage*

- (a) Simultaneously with the preparation of the measures to be taken during the first stage the measures for the second stage must also be prepared, to enable the Council to adopt a precise timetable for the second stage by the end of 1976.
- (b) The measures to be taken in the second stage are defined as the difference between the list of aims stated above and the state of the common transport policy achieved in the first stage.
- (c) It is already clear, however, that the following problems in particular will have to be solved during the second stage:
  - Final implementation of the system of payment for the use of transport infrastructures.
  - Harmonization of motor vehicle taxes and oil taxes.
  - Completion of the technical harmonization of means of transport.
  - Completion of the common air and sea transport policy.
- (d) The ultimate aim must be the establishment of a common transport market by the end of the second stage.

9. Appeals to the economic interests involved, the governments and, through them, the European public, to take proper account in future of the fact that the construction of Europe cannot progress further and that even the partial successes already achieved, such as the customs union, will be jeopardized if they are not backed up by a common transport policy, and that, therefore, transport policy is not something which concerns only the transport market and those engaged in it, but has far-reaching and long-term effects on all aspects of economic life and the economic union;

10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive amending the Council Directive of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 389/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 115/74),

1. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission's proposals on trade in fresh poultrymeat go far towards meeting health requirements;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 35, 28. 3. 1974, p. 70.



2. Demands as a matter of principle that Community provisions on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat should be based on the provisions of the Member State with the strictest and most progressive legislation;
3. Insists, therefore, that evisceration of slaughtered poultry must be made compulsory throughout the Community by 1980 at the latest in order to give the consumer effective protection against infection;
4. Urges the Commission and the Council to lay down equally strict hygiene provisions for poultry slaughterhouses and cutting-up premises as those existing in similar fresh meat premises;
5. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to adopt the following amendments to its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
6. Requests its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission adopts the European Parliament's amendments to its proposal and, if necessary, to report back on this matter;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

**on the communication and the two recommendations from the Commission of the European Communities concerning the prevention of marine pollution from land-based sources**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication and the two recommendations from the Commission of the European Communities (COM(74) 502 fin.),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 197/74),
1. Reaffirms the views put in its resolution of 14 December 1973 <sup>(1)</sup>;
  2. Invites the Council to adopt a decision on the accession by the Community in its own name to the Paris convention for the prevention of marine pollution from land-base sources;
  3. Believes that the Commission of the European Communities should be represented in the Commission set up by the Paris convention where, for all matters falling within the Community's sphere of competence, it should be entitled to as many votes as there are Member States signatories of the convention;
  4. Hopes that the Community will participate on similar terms in all future conferences and conventions concerned with the pollution of the Mediterranean;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 59.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the driver-perceived noise level of agricultural or forestry tractor fitted with wheels

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 39/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 193/74),

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a Directive as an important step towards limiting the driver-perceived noise level of agricultural tractors and towards harmonization of the trade in these tractors within the Community;
2. Approves the Commission's choice of Article 100 of the EEC Treaty as the legal basis;
3. Requests the Commission to submit any future proposals for Directives concerning the environment in good time to enable the Parliament to discuss them thoroughly;
4. Hopes, that the directive will be enforced before September 1975, the date on which the new British law enters into force;
5. Draws attention to the fact that, in addition to eliminating trade barriers, it is very important to ensure safe working conditions and, more specifically, to protect the hearing of tractor drivers;
6. Points out that in the rules and regulations provided for by the directives the overriding consideration should be the need to protect public health and the environment and not the manufacturers' interests;
7. Urges the Commission to adapt as soon as possible to technical progress not only the noise level but also the method of measurement;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 58, 18. 5. 1974, p. 23.

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## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 974/71 on certain measures of conjunctural policy to be taken in agriculture following the temporary widening of the margins of fluctuation for the currencies of certain Member States

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 176/74),

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 88, 26. 8. 1974, p. 33.

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 265/74),

1. Notes that the present proposal seeks to rectify administrative difficulties that have arisen with the application of Regulation (EEC) No 974/71 while preserving the overall financial effect of this Regulation;
2. Recalls its continuing disquiet that the fluctuations in Community currency rates lead to complexities in the application of Community policies and its desire that the Community should proceed as soon as possible towards economic and monetary union;
3. Regrets that Parliament is not to be consulted on the detailed rules to be drawn up to regulate the system of export refunds for trade between certain Member States whose currencies have depreciated in value and third countries, and believes that this reduces the significance of consultation;
4. Requests the Commission, pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty, to incorporate the following amendment in its proposal;
5. Approves, with these reservations, the present proposal;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

on the present economic situation as regards European agriculture

*The European Parliament,*

- in view of the present economic situation as regards European agriculture,
  - aware of the European institutions' responsibility in respect of the common agricultural policy,
  - recalling its resolution of 17 September 1974,
1. Appeals to the Federal German Government, in view of the forthcoming talks on the common agricultural policy, to revise its attitude to the interim increase in agricultural prices;
  2. Requests the Council to take the necessary decisions without delay;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Governments of the Member States.

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#### RESOLUTION

on the association between the EEC and Greece

*The European Parliament,*

- recalling its resolutions of 11 May 1967 and of 7 May 1969,

- welcoming the replacement of a military regime by a civilian government in Greece,
- expressing its hope that there will be a full and rapid return to parliamentary democracy in Greece, and
- noting that in this respect a return has already been made to the principles of the 1952 constitution,
- expressing its hope that a return to democracy in Greece will contribute to the just and peaceful settlement of the Cyprus problem and to the improvement of relations between Greece and Turkey,
- welcoming the official visit paid by its President in Greece in August 1974 at the invitation of the Greek Government,
- noting the proposals made by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning the association on 30 August 1974,
- considering that the criteria which should govern the re-establishment of the association between the European Community and Greece are primarily political in nature,

1. Considers that the positive attitude concerning an early return to parliamentary democracy already shown by the Greek Government justifies the immediate 'defreezing' of the economic and commercial aspects of the association, under conditions to be arranged by the Council of Association;

2. Considers that pending the appointment of a new Greek parliamentary delegation following elections, exploratory talks should be held, in the near future, between a delegation of the European Parliament and a delegation of the former Greek Parliament;

3. Therefore considers that the association can be fully resumed after free parliamentary elections have been held;

4. Expresses its hope that Greece will become a full member of the European Economic Community as soon as the development of its economy permits this;

5. Instructs the appropriate committees to follow the development of the situation in Greece and to report back to it;

6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the Council of the EEC/Greece Association and the Greek Government.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a 1975 Community tariff quota for dried grapes falling within subheading 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 220/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 267/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 104, 13. 9. 1974, p. 92.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for three Regulations opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for port, Madeira and Setubal muscatel wines falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Portugal

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 166/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 264/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposals in their entirety;
2. Hopes that the statistical data available to the Community relating to trade in the goods which form the subject of these proposals will be improved as soon as possible so as to permit allocation of quotas among the Member States on a surer basis;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 81, 13. 7. 1974, p. 23.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for fresh or dried hazelnuts, shelled or otherwise, falling within subheading ex 08.05 G of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Turkey

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 167/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 263/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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(1) OJ No C 81, 13. 7. 1974, p. 26.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation supplementing Regulation No 121/67/EEC as regards measures to be taken in the case of a substantial fall in prices for pigmeat

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1473 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 278/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 293/74),
- having regard to the situation on the pigmeat market, characterized in recent times by exceptionally high increases in production costs, abnormally low prices and the technical limitations imposed on intervention measures to relieve the market,

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Believes that a more thorough review of market management in the pigmeat sector is required, involving the development of a more comprehensive statistical base, in order to avoid the emergence in the future of a serious market situation;
3. Requests that the Commission, in agreement with Member States, submits proposals for the improvement of distribution networks;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

on the second financial report on the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, financial year 1972, presented by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council and the European Parliament

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the second financial report of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council and the European Parliament (Doc. 109/74),
  - having regard to the report from the Committee on Budgets and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 297/74),
1. Welcomes the annual presentation of a financial report on the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, which gives it the opportunity to consider in more detail the Community's financial problems; and expects the Commission to ensure that in future the document will be submitted at the proper time;
  2. Invites the Commission to present before presenting its third financial report its views on:
    - the desirability of and the means for financing all expenditure charged to the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF (second category interventions),
    - the need to maintain or amend the provisions on monetary compensatory amounts and on the results of this policy,
    - the multiple possibilities of taxes of all kinds which are, or can be, collected on the basis of agricultural regulations in force;
  3. Recommends the Commission not to include in its proposals for Regulations or Decisions, provisions fixing an annual amount of expenditure, since this can only be done within the framework of the budgetary procedure;
  4. Takes the view that the fixed amount of 325 million units of account allocated by Regulation to the Guidance Section of the EAGGF may not be considered binding on the budgetary authorities, which must take account not only of the obligatory nature of certain expenditure charged to this section, but also of the commitment already made to exceed this amount and use the reserves accumulated between 1969 and 1973;
  5. Taking the view that the practice of financing individual projects has given tangible results and that it is desirable to find a formula for ensuring that this practice continues, invites the Commission to look for means of speeding up decisions on such projects;
  6. Recommends the Commission of the Communities to avoid any future proposal for granting flat-rate aid because of difficulties experienced hitherto in obtaining the evidence which the beneficiary Member States had promised to produce of the proper use of appropriations received;
  7. Invites the Audit Board to draw up, on the basis of Article 90 of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973, a detailed analysis of the soundness of the financial management of the flat-rate aid granted with a view to improving production and marketing structures in the following sectors: unmanufactured tobacco, olives, olive oil, and fruits and vegetables;
  8. Encourages the Commission to continue to cooperate with the legal institutions and customs authorities of the Member States in order to obtain better results in the prosecution and suppression of irregularities and frauds against the EAGGF;
  9. Emphasizes the responsibility which the Council would have to bear if it did not support the Commission's efforts to set up legal and administrative mechanisms to prevent irregularities and frauds;

10. Invites the Commission to draw up proposals in the near future for replacing Articles 31 and 37 of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 by provisions relating to the coverage of the cash needs of the Community within the framework of budgetary expenditure, taking account of the total replacement of contributions from the Member States by the Community's own resources;

11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Audit Board.

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**RESOLUTION**

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on aid from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund for 1974**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 217/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture, and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 295/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 108, 18. 9. 1974, p. 13.

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**RESOLUTION**

**on the extradition of war criminal Klaus Barbie**

*The European Parliament,*

- being a parliamentary institution representing the peoples of the Member States of the European Community,
- deeply convinced of the need to prevent the recurrence of any form of war crime in the future,
- determined, to this end, to support every initiative having as its object the identification and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes committed during the armed conflicts of the past,
- having regard to Petition No 3/73 presented by Mr Virgile Barel concerning the extradition to France of Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie,



1. Supports, unconditionally, the request contained in this petition;
2. Calls upon all authorities concerned to facilitate the surrender of Klaus Barbie to the French authorities;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the text of Mr Virgile Barel's petition to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, to the Governments and Parliaments of the States concerned and to the interparliamentary conference between the European Community and Latin America.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning the annual report on the economic situation in the Community

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 280/74),
- having been consulted pursuant to Article 4 of the Council Decision of 18 February 1974 <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having regard to its resolutions of 9 May 1973, 15 October 1973, 13 March 1974 and 15 May 1974 <sup>(2)</sup>,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 286/74),

1. Approves the analysis and the forecast contained in the draft annual report on the economic situation in the Community, while at the same time emphasizing that in the present economic situation any forecast of economic developments must necessarily be unreliable;
2. Considers that efforts to combat the alarming rise in prices and prevention of a serious economic recession should be the priority objectives of the Community's current economic policy;
3. Hopes, therefore:
  - that the Member States with a comparatively high rate of inflation and a negative balance of payments will concentrate their efforts on slowing down the rise in prices and correcting their balance of payments so as to establish conditions for joint Community action, and
  - that the countries with a relatively moderate rate of inflation and a balance of payments either in equilibrium or showing a surplus will follow a policy of careful and selective expansion;
4. Deplores the fact that most Member States have not complied with the Directives adopted by the Council regarding the reduction of the increase in the money supply <sup>(3)</sup> and urges the Council to make greater efforts to ensure that its Directives are implemented;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 63, 5. 3. 1974, p. 16.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 37, 4. 6. 1974, p. 45.  
OJ No C 95, 10. 11. 1973, p. 8.  
OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 23.  
OJ No C 62, 30. 5. 1974, p. 21.

<sup>(3)</sup> 'The Member States are gradually aligning the rate of increase in the monetary supply (monetary and quasi-monetary liquid assets) with that of the gross national product by volume, supplemented by the normative rate of increase for prices fixed in the context of the general economic policy, and taking into account the structural development of the relationship between money supply and the national product. This objective should be achieved by the end of 1974 at the latest'. — Council resolution of 5 December 1972 on measures to be taken against inflation (OJ No C 133, 23. 12. 1972).

5. Regrets that Community coordination procedures have not yet brought about a satisfactory approximation of Member States' economic policies;
6. Reiterates its appeal to Member States to avoid taking any action which may jeopardize the free movement of goods or workers within the Community or obstruct trade with third countries;
7. Reminds the Member States of the Commission's recommendation that the surpluses of tax revenue resulting from increased prices should be frozen;
8. Considers that means of recycling capital accumulated by certain countries which produce raw materials should be developed and diversified;
9. Endorses the scheme to set up machinery for issuing Community loans on the international capital markets, on the understanding that the granting of the loans would imply for the recipients acceptance of the economic policy conditions laid down by the appropriate Community institutions;
10. Requests that any Community monetary support measures to assist Member States in deficit should be taken within the framework of Community procedures;
11. Calls once again for supervision of operations on the Euro-currencies market, to ensure greater openness of capital movements, while maintaining the useful role this market plays in the process of bringing capital back into circulation;
12. Advocates the gradual harmonization of provisions relating to capital movements to and from third countries and the elimination of obstacles to the free movement of capital within the Community;
13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the problems of the pulp, paper and paperboard industry

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (SEC(74) 1215 fin.),
  - having been optionally consulted by the Council (Doc. 48/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 291/74),
1. Considers that the paper sector is one in which there appears to be good possibilities for achieving results through a Community industrial policy;
  2. Considers, however, that communications are an inappropriate means of solving economic problems, when they neither contain nor are accompanied by specific proposals;
  3. Urges the Commission to give priority, in its industrial policy towards the paper sector, to ensuring future supplies of raw materials;

4. Recommends the conclusion, for instance with EFTA countries, of agreements of future supplies of paper pulp and paper products together with provisions concerning pollution control, investment aid and other aspects affecting competition in the paper sector;
5. Points out that shortage of raw materials will become an increasingly widespread problem and so correspondingly greater consideration must be given to reducing wastage of resources;
6. Recommends that the problem of recycling waste paper and the utilization of other raw materials should be given the same importance as afforestation measures in efforts to ensure raw material supplies, and asks the Commission to submit precise proposals on this as soon as possible;
7. Requests the Commission to submit proposals for the establishment of a special research fund for the paper and forestry sectors with a view to creating the necessary conditions as regards products and production for improved utilization of existing raw material resources and also to devise production methods which use less water and cause less water pollution;
8. Requests the Commission to prepare regular forecasts of developments in consumption, investment and production in the paper sector, taking in both raw materials and finished products;
9. Stresses the importance of taking measures as soon as possible to combat the serious water pollution caused by the paper industry;
10. Considers that, even though the problems of structural reform and pollution are independent of each other within the paper sector, the solutions to current problems are closely connected, and therefore regrets that the Commission was unable, despite its promises, to submit proposals on pollution control in this sector by 1 July 1974 <sup>(4)</sup>, and insists that such proposals be submitted as soon as possible;
11. Considers for these reasons that it cannot deliver a definitive opinion on the problems of structural reform in the paper sector;
12. Emphasizes that any necessary aid for structural reform should be allocated according to Community regulations and that aid should take the form of loans and not subsidies; and therefore requests the Commission to prepare possible regulations within the framework of a structural directive, and to ensure that Member States do not introduce new national financial aid measures in the interim;
13. Instructs its Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to submit any necessary reports as and when the precise proposals which are now lacking are eventually presented by the Commission;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(4)</sup> See the environmental action programme, OJ No C 112, 20. 12. 1973.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Communities

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 24 of the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 174/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the Opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 253/74),
  - whereas the amendments proposed by the Commission of the European Communities supplement the provisions in force and improve them at the social level, and whereas they remedy certain omissions (in the light of experience gained in applying the existing Staff Regulations),
1. Approves the Commission's proposals for amendments;
  2. Invites the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 88, 26. 7. 1974, p. 25.

## RESOLUTION on European union

*The European Parliament,*

- recalling the major objective expressed in the Paris communiqué of October 1972 regarding the transformation of the whole complex of the relations of the Member States into a European Union before the end of the present decade and with the fullest respect for the treaties already signed<sup>(1)</sup>,
- pointing out that the Community institutions were requested to draw up a report on European union before the end of 1975<sup>(1)</sup>,
- conscious of the role conferred on by it by the Treaties and by the will of the peoples of the Community,
- having regard to the motion for a resolution of its Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 300/74),

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1. Undertakes to draw up and submit by 30 June 1975 its report on European union;

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<sup>(1)</sup> Paragraph 16 of the communiqué issued after the Paris summit conference of October 1972.

2. Strongly urges the Commission and Council of the Communities to give the same undertaking;

3. Declares its readiness to draw up, in close cooperation with the other Community institutions, a single report on European union by the date set by the Heads of State or Government at the October 1972 Paris summit conference;

## II

4. Stresses that European Union, as the practical embodiment of the principles and objectives laid down in the Treaties establishing the European Communities and the joint declaration on European identity, must enable the European Community to emerge and establish itself as an economic and political union;

5. Declares that this transformation can be achieved only with the support of the Community institutions, the Member States and the peoples, the aim being to give a new shape to the political resolve to act in concert in a Community of shared risks and opportunities which is constantly evolving towards a closer union between the European peoples, while respecting their traditions;

## III

6. Points out that efforts to transform the present Community into a European union must aim at the following:

- extension and strengthening of existing Community powers and the creation of new Community powers, not only in the field of monetary, economic, social and cultural policy, but also in that of foreign policy and security;
- democratization of the institutions which will be responsible for Community activities while respecting the specific interests of the Member States.

7. Considers that European union must comprise the following basic institutions:

- a political decision-making centre with the appropriate terms of reference to cover the areas mentioned in paragraph 6, and destined to form the European government;
- a Parliament comprising at least a chamber elected by direct universal suffrage;
- a Court of Justice to ensure observance of the law in the interpretation and application of the Treaties, Agreements and Decisions, and to guarantee the primacy of the law of the union over national legislation in the matters covered by the Treaties or any extension or amendment thereof;
- a Court of Auditors;
- an Economic and Social Committee;

## IV

8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Governments of the Member States, to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Presidents of the Parliamentary assemblies of the nine States with a request that it be notified to the Members thereof.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals and communications from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning the grant of the generalized tariff preferences for 1975 to exports of semi-manufactured products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff and manufactured and semi-manufactured products falling within Chapters 25 to 99 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in developing countries

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals and communications from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 201/74),
- recalling its resolutions of 6 October 1970<sup>(2)</sup>, 9 June 1971<sup>(3)</sup>, 13 December 1973<sup>(4)</sup>, and 12 July 1974<sup>(5)</sup>,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 285/74),

1. Notes with satisfaction that the policy of generalized preferences is increasingly becoming an inherent part of development cooperation by the European Community;
2. Considers that, if the future of this policy is to be guaranteed, it must not entail the risk that the balance of payments situation in Member States may be seriously affected;
3. Recalls that its success also depends on the costs being shared in an equitable manner, that is to say, all industrial countries or those with a sizeable per capita income must participate;
4. Strongly endorses the Commission's proposals for the introduction of a reserve share for Community tariff quotas and urges the Commission to improve the system by increasing as soon as possible the percentages of Member States' normal and reserves shares;
5. Welcomes the improvements proposed for 1975, particularly:
  - the increase in preferential margins for processed agricultural products and in the number of products covered by the system,
  - the reduction in the number of products subject to tariff quotas,
  - the measures proposed to afford the least-advanced countries better protection;
6. Considers it essential to review the criteria for deciding which countries should benefit from the system and declares that the only countries that may benefit immediately from generalized preferences are those which are still indisputably developing countries;
7. Points out, moreover, that any policy on generalized preferences must take account of the Community's commitments towards associated countries and the safeguarding of their interests;
8. Again regrets the lack of the numerical and statistical data that are absolutely essential for an informed assessment of the impact of the system on trade between the Community and developing countries;

(1) OJ No C 110, 21. 9. 1974, p. 2.

(2) OJ No C 129, 26. 10. 1970.

(3) OJ No C 66, 1. 7. 1971.

(4) OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974.

(5) OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974.

9. Stresses that the lack of such data prevents it from ascertaining the effect on the Community's own resources of the proposed amendments to the common external tariff and prevents developing countries from benefiting to the full from the concessions granted to them;

10. Recommends the Commission of the European Communities to intensify its efforts to provide a better understanding of the preferential benefits granted, and approves the Commission's proposals, subject to the above comments;

11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for;

- i. a first Directive on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking-up and pursuit of the business of direct life assurance
- ii. a Directive abolishing restrictions on freedom of establishment in the business of direct life assurance

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 57 (2) and Article 54 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 313/73 and Doc. 351/73),
- having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 254/74),

1. Notes that the present proposals are very similar to the Directives adopted by the Council on 24 July 1973:

- on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the taking-up and pursuit of the business of direct insurance other than life assurance,
- abolishing restrictions on freedom of establishment in the business of direct insurance other than life assurance<sup>(2)</sup>,

both of which concern the business of indemnity insurance;

2. Recalls that it adopted a resolution on 13 March 1968 on the basis of a report by the Committee on Economic Affairs embodying Parliament's Opinion on the abovementioned Directives on the business of indemnity insurance which have meanwhile been adopted; for the sake of completeness the resolution is attached to the present report;

3. Does not, however, see any purpose in reiterating in the present resolution the recommendations made in paragraphs 3, 4, 7, 8 and 10 of the abovementioned resolution as they are no longer valid;

4. Notes that the most important point on which the present proposal for a coordination Directive has been supplemented in comparison with the coordination Directive of 24 July 1973 is in the introduction of the 'specialization system' by which the life assurance business and indemnity insurance business are to be carried out by separate legal persons;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 35, 28. 3. 1974, p. 9 and OJ No C 27, 15. 3. 1974, p. 7.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 228, 16. 8. 1973.

5. Considers that this system offers the most effective protection for life policyholders since they will consequently not suffer as a result of possible losses in the indemnity insurance sector;
6. Understands, however, that according to the present Commission proposal the specialization system is only to apply to undertakings established after the entry into force of the Directive and that existing undertakings already simultaneously engaged at that date in the two types of business ('indemnity' and 'life') may continue to carry out both kinds of business simultaneously, provided they maintain separate management and separate book-keeping, and provided in particular that the guarantees intended to cover obligations incurred are kept separate;
7. Considers that this solution as proposed by the Commission is a fully acceptable compromise between the present enforcement in four of the Member States of the 'specialization system' for all the undertakings concerned and the complete freedom of choice existing in this respect for undertakings in five other Member States;
8. Gives its approval to both proposed Directives on the understanding that the specialization system should not be jeopardized in practice by the *per se* lawful, even in accordance with the present coordination Directive, operations of existing multi-branch undertakings from countries which have them;
9. Requests the Commission, nevertheless, to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal for a coordination Directive, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the common definition of the concept of the origin of petroleum products

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 212/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 268/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> COM(73) 2247 fin.



## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concerning Community loans

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1615 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council by urgent procedure (Doc. 301/74),
- recalling its resolution of 15 October 1974 (Doc. 286/74) and its resolutions of 15 March 1973<sup>(1)</sup> and 19 October 1973<sup>(2)</sup>,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 307/74) and the accompanying oral explanatory statement,

1. Approves the Commission's proposal for a Regulation concerning Community loans and expects the Council to reach a positive decision without delay;
2. Instructs its Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to obtain information from the Council on the further political and legal measures that the proposed Regulation will entail;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the text of the oral explanatory statement to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 19, 12. 4. 1973, p. 28.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 95, 10. 11. 1973, p. 27.

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## RESOLUTION

on the third report of the Commission of the European Communities on competition policy

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the third report of the Commission of the European Communities on competition policy (Doc. 118/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 290/74),

1. Recognizes that the Commission of the European Communities has made progress towards achieving a common competition policy;
2. Notes that the Commission is endeavouring to develop and bring about the application of procedural rules for cooperation between the Community authorities and the national authorities concerned with competition; believes, however, that in the long term it is necessary to work out binding rules on the relationship between internal national legislation and Community legislation;
3. Urges the Commission to make available to it in future the reports made by the Member States to the OECD on the development of their individual competition policies;
4. Points out that competition policy and consumer protection policy are closely connected; urges the Commission to include in the reports on competition policy statements on the competition policy aspects of the intensified efforts to improve consumer protection;

5. Welcomes the Commission's attempts to outline basic rules for judging selective marketing systems;
6. Reiterates its request to the Commission that an unambiguous policy on licensing contracts for patents and know-how should be worked out and reported on in detail in the next annual report;
7. Supports the Commission's efforts to investigate actual cases of restrictive export practices, and recommends it to propose trade policy measures against third countries which might be required in the interests of the Community;
8. Looks to the Commission to prohibit in the future also agreements between manufacturers and consumers designed to prevent competition and free movement in respect of certain products within the Community;
9. Urges the Commission to further the development of Community discipline in regard to national subsidies by consistent application of the rules on subsidies contained in the Treaty, which take account of national and social problems, and to submit a review of the various State aids granted in individual countries;
10. Believes that for competition policy reasons, regional aid ought to be transparent and measurable, and in addition refers expressly to paragraph 9 of its resolution of 15 January 1974;
11. Urges the Council, in view of the increase in the degree of concentration, to adopt by the beginning of 1975 the proposal for a Regulation on the control of concentrations ~~between undertakings in the form~~ approved by Parliament;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the customs treatment of goods imported for testing**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 28, 43 and 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 145/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and to the Opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 281/74),
  - (a) having regard to the need for a uniform approach to the customs treatment of goods imported for testing;
  - (b) having regard to the fact that, *inter alia*, such testing serves the useful purpose of making for improved consumer information;
  - (c) taking into account that the proposed Regulation is based on a recommendation of the Customs Cooperation Council made in response to a wish expressed by the Council of Europe;
  - (d) recognizing that the risk of revenue loss is insignificant,

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 72, 27. 6. 1974, p. 30.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 803/68 concerning delivery periods of imported goods

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 224/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 279/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Parliament.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 104, 13. 9. 1974, p. 96.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 803/68 concerning the value of goods for customs purposes

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 178/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 257/74);

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 88, 26. 7. 1974, p. 33.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation modifying Regulation (EEC) No 1445/72 concerning the nomenclature of goods for the external trade statistics of the Community and statistics of trade between Member States (NIMEXE)

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 202/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 258/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 92, 6. 8. 1974, p. 13.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 226/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 321/74),

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal as a useful and essential step towards better and more effective protection of the health of the consumer;
2. Criticizes once again, however, the tendency of the Commission and the Council to place the European Parliament under undue pressure by the belated submission of proposals for Directives, and therefore appeals urgently to these institutions to give it adequate time to prepare its opinion on all future proposals;
3. Endorses the Commission's demand that Community regulations for materials and articles coming into contact with foodstuffs should take account primarily of human health requirements but also, within the limits laid down for the protection of health, of economic and technological requirements;
4. Notes that the present outline Directive cannot by itself bring about any concrete change in the different practices in the individual Member States, and therefore calls upon the Commission to submit the promised implementing directives at an early date;

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 121, 11. 10. 1974, p. 27.

5. Also urges the Commission to draw up as soon as possible the proposal on harmonization of the national regulations on piping for the supply of drinking water;
6. Supports the safeguard clause contained in Article 5, under which a Member State may temporarily prohibit or limit the use of a material or article, even though it complies with the rules laid down in the specific directives, if it considers it might endanger human health;
7. Repeats its long-standing demand that manufacturers should be obliged to give the information provided for the consumer on the materials or articles or their packaging in the language of the country of destination at least;
8. Calls upon the Commission to define the method of sampling and the methods of analysis needed to check compliance with the regulations not later than the date when the provisions of the directives become applicable in the Member States;
9. Confirms the view it has repeatedly maintained, namely that in its present form the procedure of the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs impinges on the responsibilities of the Commission, and therefore intends in the near future to hold an extensive debate with the Council and the Commission on the procedure of the Committee, in order to find a satisfactory solution to this long-standing problem;
10. Requests the Commission to make the following amendments to its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
11. Requests its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission of the European Communities adopts the European Parliament's amendments to its proposal and, if necessary, to report on this matter;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for Jerez wines, falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain
- II. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for Malaga wines, falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain
- III. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for wines from Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas, falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain
- IV. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried figs, falling within subheading ex 08.03 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain
- V. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried grapes, falling within subheading ex 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1487 and 1488 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 302/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 318/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposals;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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RESOLUTION

on the application of Rule 35 (3) of the Rules of Procedure for the vote on the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1975

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Treaties of the European Communities, and in particular Articles 203 EEC, 177 ECSC and 78 EAEC which, in their present form, provide that amendments to the draft general budget require for their adoption the votes of the majority of the members of Parliament,
  - having regard to the provisions of its Rules of Procedure, and in particular those of Rules 33, 34 and 35,
  - anxious to respect the time limits imposed on it by the Treaties for consideration of the general budget,
1. Agrees to apply as follows Rule 35 (3) of its Rules of Procedure when voting the draft general budget of the Communities for the financial year 1975:
    - (a) the vote on draft amendments to the draft budget for the financial year 1975 shall be taken by sitting and standing; the President shall announce before Parliament the number of votes for and against and of abstentions, and establish the result of the vote;
    - (b) if the result of the vote is doubtful or whenever 10 or more representatives so desire, the vote shall be taken by roll call;
    - (c) the vote on a proposal for a Decision laying down a new maximum rate of increase of expenditure and the vote on a proposal for rejection of the draft general budget as a whole shall be taken by roll call;
  2. Decides that these provisions shall come into force immediately.

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RESOLUTION

on emergency aid to the population of the Democratic Republic of Somalia affected by drought

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its resolution of 12 July 1974 on a communication from the Commission to the Council on the food aid policy of the EEC (Doc. 171/74),
  - having regard to the fact-finding visit by a delegation from the Committee on Development and Cooperation to Somalia from 30 October to 2 November 1974,
  - having regard to the official request made by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Somalia,
1. Earnestly requests the Commission to take all appropriate emergency measures to mitigate the effects of the drought that is directly threatening the lives of the 100 000 nomads and farmers living in eight provinces in north-east Somalia;
  2. Therefore urges the Commission to meet in full the Somali Government's specific requests for the supply of emergency aid and to arrange for its immediate transportation;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

*The European Parliament,*

- greatly concerned about the present state and the further development of the European Communities,
- having regard to:
  - the previous resolutions of Parliament on the subject of economic and monetary union,
  - the failure of the Community to adhere to the programme of advance towards economic and monetary union,
  - the loss of purchasing power of Community currencies now taking place at widely differing rates,
  - the acute strain placed on the economies of Member States by the high prices of many essential imports, particularly oil,
  - the grave balance of payments problems of the Community as a whole and particularly of certain Member States,
  - the rising level of unemployment in the Community, the decline of investment and the widespread fears of depression,
  - noting the intention of the Heads of State or Government to consider the economic and monetary situation at their forthcoming meeting in Paris,
- 1. Insists that progress towards economic and monetary union must remain a firm commitment for all Member States;
- 2. Judges that national governments should make the conquest of inflationary tendencies a primary objective and appeals to the sense of responsibility of all social groups in the fight against inflation in the interests of full employment and economic health;
- 3. Believes that the strengthening of the central institutions of the Community is urgently necessary, particularly in the monetary field, and that they should be endowed with greater authority and powers of decision in the spirit of the Rome Treaty;
- 4. Urges the importance of maintaining a high rate of economic activity within the Community notwithstanding adverse world economic trends; deplores the continued failure of the Governments of the Member States and central banks to develop the European Fund for Monetary Cooperation into an effective institution of the Community, endowed with the necessary powers and resources to support international trade and to participate in the correction of economic weaknesses;
- 5. Considers that measures by national governments to reduce their deficits on current account with oil and commodity exporting countries should have the particular aim of correcting their imbalances with those countries and should not take the form of general limitations of imports which tend to damage the interests of all their economic partners without contributing significantly to curing the problem;
- 6. Urges the need for a more vigorous Community policy to assist workers to transfer their labour and adapt their skills to the demands of rapidly changing economic conditions;
- 7. Points to the need for an effective Community regional policy;
- 8. Considers it a political responsibility of the Communities to safeguard the energy supplies of Member States;
- 9. Stresses that unrestricted exchange of goods and services and the freedom of movement of labour and capital for investment throughout all parts of the Community remain the essential objectives of economic policy;
- 10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States and to the Heads of State or Government meeting in Paris.

## RESOLUTION

on the draft amending and supplementary budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1974

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the draft amending and supplementary budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1974 (Doc. 336/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 337/74),
  - noting (a) that the measure is necessary to finance the Community contribution to a special scheme to aid the developing countries most severely affected by crisis conditions, and (b) that it takes account of factors on the receipts side which have developed since the 1974 budget was adopted,
  - considering that the special scheme to aid developing countries constitutes an item of non-obligatory expenditure,
1. Approves the draft amending and supplementary budget No 1 subject to certain reservations mentioned in the accompanying report;
  2. Therefore considers that the draft amending and supplementary budget shall be deemed to be finally adopted in accordance with the provisions of Article 78A (4) of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, Article 203 (a) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and Article 177 (a) of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, the minutes of this sitting and the report of the Committee on Budgets to the Council of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

on the draft amendments to the estimates of income and expenditure of the Parliament for the 1975 financial year (Section I of the draft general budget of the Communities)

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rules 23A, 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report from the Committee on Budgets and the draft amendments annexed thereto (Doc. 345/74),
1. Stresses that the modifications it is making to the estimates constitute basically a correction of certain estimates of expenditure arising from harmonization, among all the institutions, of the system of calculating foreseeable pay increases;
  2. Believes, therefore, that these corrections basically constitute estimates of expenditure within the meaning of Article 203 (2) of the EEC Treaty to which the provisions of the first three subparagraphs of Article 203 (8) of the EEC Treaty but not the provisions of the fourth subparagraph of the same paragraph of that Article are applicable;
  3. Corrects its estimates of income and expenditure for 1975, and the establishment plan for 1975, as specified in the draft amendments below;
  4. Adopts definitively, therefore, the estimates of income and expenditure for 1975 at 41 597 229 units of account and modifies its establishment plan of temporary staff on the basis of draft amendments Nos 6, 5 and 62.



## RESOLUTION

on the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1975

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the preliminary draft budget of the European Communities, and in particular the general introduction to Section III (Commission),
- having regard to the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1975, prepared by the Council, the explanatory memorandum thereto (Doc. 288/74) and the corrections forwarded by the Council in its letter of 3 October 1974 (Doc. 288/74 ann.),
- having regard to the exchange of views with the Commission and Council,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets, the opinions of other committees and the draft amendments and proposed modifications annexed to this report (Doc. 350/74),

### *(a) Financial autonomy of the Community*

1. Recalls that the draft general budget for 1975 is the first budget to be financed entirely by own resources;
2. Regrets that, in the absence of a Council decision on the sixth Directive on the harmonization of legislation of Member States concerning turnover taxes, it was necessary to apply the substitute arrangements providing for this eventuality;
3. Emphasizes that the financial contributions of the Member States calculated on the objective basis of their gross national product which may be temporarily substituted for the levies on VAT also constitute own resources;

### *(b) Inter-institutional cooperation*

4. Welcomes the cooperation established during the budgetary procedure between the Council and the European Parliament;
5. Urges, however, that efforts at cooperation be intensified;

### *(c) Assessment of the draft budget for 1975*

6. Expresses its deep disappointment with the Council's draft budget for 1975, which in its view represents no progress and is seriously lacking in dynamism;
7. Notes that this draft is characterized by a total lack of political decision by the Council, whether in regional policy, social policy, research and energy policy, information policy or youth policy;
8. Supports in principle the Council's efforts to economize, but rejects its idea of cutting down on the budget of the Communities to help in the fight against inflation, and considers that action undertaken at Community level which is financed from funds withdrawn from the national exchequers has no inflationary effect;

(d) *The policy of supplementary budgets*

9. Firmly opposes the Council's intention to submit a number of supplementary budgets during the 1975 financial year, and reminds the Council of its earlier attitude to supplementary budgets;

10. Points out that, according to the spirit and the letter of the financial regulation, the budget is an act making provision for all expected revenue and expenditure, and that, by reducing the budget to an inventory of commitments already entered into, it is deprived of its specific character as a statement of political will;

(e) *Application of the provisions of Article 203 of the Treaty*

With regard to the classification of compulsory and non-compulsory expenditure

11. In the absence of rules laid down by prior agreement between the institutions, joins the Council in recognizing the provisional validity of the classification proposed by the Commission in the preliminary draft budget for 1975 distinguishing between compulsory and non-compulsory expenditure;

12. Regrets, however, that the Council has not thought it necessary to classify certain expenditure, even if its decision was taken on the grounds that the actions involved were new and the Council had not yet deliberated upon them;

Considers for its part that such expenditure must be classified if the Parliament is to be able to properly exercise its right to amend and modify the budget;

13. Agrees with the Council when it states that 'the only expenditure to have been classified as compulsory was that for which no budgetary authority, be it the Council or the European Parliament, was, because of the texts, free to determine an appropriation';

Reminds the Council that, under the provisions of Article 199 of the Treaty, expenditure entered in the budget is in the nature of an estimate;

With regard to the budgetary field of application of the rate of increase provided for in Article 203 (8)

14. Points out that, according to the letter of the first subparagraph of Article 203 (8), the maximum annual rate of increase applicable to all expenditure other than that necessarily resulting from the Treaty or from acts adopted in accordance therewith, which in the terms of the second subparagraph is an index rate, shall be fixed in relation to expenditure of the same type to be incurred during the current year;

Considers that this (maximum) rate of increase is not applicable:

— to new expenditure entered as a new item,

— when, from one year to another, the policy on which non-compulsory expenditure is based does not remain constant but grows in scope and objectives;

15. Intends to discuss this matter with the Council in order to arrive at a common interpretation before the end of the budgetary procedure;

Considers that this is the most constructive line to take since it will make it possible to reach common conclusions on the basis of experience in time for this to be reflected in the new budgetary provisions of the Treaties which have not yet been finally decided by the institutions.

16. Instructs its President to forward the amended draft general budget together with the proposed modifications, this resolution, the minutes of this sitting and the report of its Committee on Budgets to the Council of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the draft Commission Regulation introducing procedures for implementing certain provisions of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the draft Commission Regulation (COM(74) 705 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Commission of the European Communities pursuant to Article 118 of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 (Doc. 151/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 338/74),
1. Welcomes the submission of this draft Regulation, which takes account of some provisions of the Financial Regulation that call for the introduction of implementing procedures;
  2. Approves the draft Regulation;
  3. Requests the Commission to adopt the following amendments, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the Treaty establishing the EEC;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinions of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation on the common organization of the market in sugar
- II. a Regulation on the fixing and alteration of the basic quotas for sugar

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1570 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 313/74),
- notes that the Council, by adopting Decisions on the new common organization of the market in sugar at its meeting of 22 October 1974, has infringed the right of the European Parliament to deliver an Opinion which the Council itself had asked for,
- objects strongly to such practices which help to undermine the institutional foundations of the Community,
- feels it necessary, however, in view of the grave anxieties at present being felt in agriculture, to consider the new Council Decisions which have come to its attention, within the framework of the Commission's proposals,
- having regard to Article 39 of the EEC Treaty and Protocol 22 of the Act of Accession,
- having regard to the second interim report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation on the future sugar policy of the Community with particular reference to imports of sugar from the developing countries and in the light of the Commission's memorandum of 12 July 1973 (Doc. 32/74),

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 339/74),
- whereas Regulation No 1009/67/EEC was drawn up at a time of surplus and has been amended a number of times to adapt it to a situation of shortage,
- whereas this situation of shortage is likely to change again in the near future,

1. Approves, with the reservations that follow, the two proposals for Regulations as a joint arrangement for achieving the objectives listed in the recitals under any circumstances;
2. Welcomes, in particular, the fact that Regulation No 1009/67/EEC has been recast and the numerous texts amending it have been brought together;
3. Also welcomes the fact that in future the Council will have to act in respect of implementing provisions by qualified majority;

I. *With regard to prices*

4. Notes with satisfaction that a target price, an intervention price and derived intervention prices will still be fixed for white sugar ex-factory, and the system of minimum prices for sugar beet will be maintained;
5. Proposes, however, that:
  - these prices should be fixed in the shortest possible time for the 1975/76 marketing year to enable sugar beet growers to make their growing plans as soon as possible so as to take account of the envisaged increase in production quotas, which will no doubt be considerable,
  - the mixed-price system should be retained;

II. *With regard to trade*

6. Considers that the creation of a minimum buffer stock is desirable, but doubts whether under present circumstances such a stock could reach 10% of actual production or of the basic quota;
7. Suggests that the Council give closer attention to the question of whether this figure of 10% would be an optimal amount for all production zones; wonders whether it might not be desirable to make provision for larger stocks in deficit areas than in surplus areas, to finance these stocks through the EAGGF and to entrust the Commission with their management;

8. *Hopes that:*

- Community production may contribute towards reducing or eliminating the world sugar shortage,
- the quota shares of Member States will be retained, having regard to:
  - actual production during the reference period 1968/69 to 1972/73, with the exception of the three new Member States, to which special criteria will be applied,

- the production potential of each Member State,
- the desirability of granting a reasonable quota to Member States which include areas less suited to the production of sugar beet, while maintaining appropriate price conditions for these regions,
- the allocation per undertaking ~~should~~<sup>will</sup> be based on objective Community criteria;

### III. *With regard to production*

9. Considers that the production quota system is a suitable means of guiding production so as to achieve a harmonious balance on the market;

10. Awaits a substantial increase in basic quotas for 1975/76 to 1979/80 and the fixing of maximum quotas at 145% for the 1975/76 marketing year, even if these quotas cannot be taken up from 1975/76;

11. Suggests that, if a reduction in quotas were necessary to balance the market, this should be done in stages to avoid excessive fluctuations from one year to the next;

12. Considers that arrangements should be made to ensure collaboration between growers and manufacturers in the allocation and management of A and B quotas and in the management of the market for sugar produced under B and C quotas, especially where the price of this sugar does not attain the same level as that of the A quota;

13. Agrees on the principle of a margin calculated according to the basic quotas fixed for five years; wonders, however, whether the margin should be 10% of the basic quota, and accordingly asks for this percentage to be reconsidered;

### IV. *With regard to preferential imports*

14. Considers that the undertaking contained in Protocol 22 should be respected;

15. Reaffirms that imports under this commitment should be at a price which ensures the producing countries reasonable export revenue; these prices should be reviewable annually, taking into account developments in production costs, the prices paid to European producers and world market prices for sugar; the guaranteed minimum price in times of low world market prices should correspond to the Community intervention price;

16. Considers that future participation by the Community in stabilizing the international sugar market must be made as part of an international agreement involving equivalent commitments for all developed countries and that buffer stocks should be set up to avoid sudden upsets in world prices;

17. Requests the Commission to make the following amendments to its proposals, pursuant to the provisions of Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty, and taking into account the above observations;

18. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation on the introduction of a subsidy on imports of white and raw sugar
- II. a Regulation on the financing of the subsidy on sugar imports and the granting of a subsidy on sugar produced in excess of the maximum quota

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 303/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 340/74),
  - having regard to the necessity to ensure sugar supplies within the Community,
  - having regard to the temporary sugar deficit experienced by certain regions within the Community,
  - having regard to the fact that a new organization of the common sugar market will enter into effect in July 1975,
1. Accepts the necessity to take proper measures to ensure sugar supplies within the Community;
  2. Believes that the present difficulties experienced by certain regions in obtaining adequate sugar supplies are due to purely temporary factors, and that the measures now proposed are essentially short-term in their application;
  3. Notes that a new common market organization for the sugar market will be established in July 1975 and that the market organization will correspond more exactly to the market situation, thus reducing the necessity for short-term measures of this nature;
  4. Believes that the subsidies accorded to sugar importers and producers of 'C' sugar should be comparable, while taking into account differences in transport, insurance and stocking costs;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No C 133, 29. 10. 1974, p. 9.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the organization of a 1975 structure survey as part of a programme of surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings — changes in financial arrangements

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1270 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 229/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 324/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Refers to its resolution of 15 March 1974 embodying its Opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for the organization of an interim survey as part of a programme of surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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## RESOLUTION

on the need for and possible features of a Community policy to promote the production of gas from coal

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 325/74),
- recalling its resolutions:
  - on means of securing adequate energy supplies to satisfy the Community's requirements and guarantee promote and further improve the Community's competitiveness on the world market as a prerequisite for economic growth, full employment and a forward-looking social policy<sup>(1)</sup>
  - on appropriate medium- and long-term measures for the further alleviation of the energy supply crisis in the European Community<sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 112, 27. 10. 1972, p. 32.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 55.

1. Is of the opinion that:
  - (a) the Community's, and the western world's, dependence on imported energy can be reduced by making greater use of indigenous energy sources, particularly coal;
  - (b) the demand for developed, high-quality forms of energy increases with a rising standard of living;
  - (c) the application of new technologies in the use of coal and lignite will therefore acquire increasing importance in the future;
  - (d) production of gas from coal offers many advantages, because gas can be burned without the emission of sulphur or dust, the formation of nitric oxides in combustion chambers can be largely controlled, gas can be stored and converted with relatively high efficiency into energy;
  - (e) apart from further development of the gasification methods used hitherto, particularly the two principal methods — that using oxygen as the gasification agent and that in which lump coal is gasified under pressure — the new methods should be promoted, viz. the one not involving the use of oxygen and the process of producing substitute natural gas (SNG), although it is realized that because of technical difficulties it will not be possible to assess whether these processes are suitable for use on an industrial scale until after 1980;
  - (f) the main emphasis in future research will be on gasification using nuclear reactors;
2. Requests the Commission of the European Communities:
  - (a) to draw up a coal gasification programme in accordance with the requirements set out in this report;
  - (b) to provide the necessary funds for research and for financing pilot plants;
  - (c) to encourage cooperation between state bodies and the gasification plant and reactor engineering industries, to ensure optimum results;
  - (d) to submit a report to Parliament within two years on the measures taken and proposed in the field of coal gasification;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a second Directive on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 49/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 312/74),

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 72, 27. 6. 1974, p. 15.



1. Reiterates its belief that the harmonization of the main excises could constitute a significant contribution towards the achievement of economic and monetary union;
2. Recalls that on many previous occasions it has urged progress in the sphere of fiscal harmonization;
3. Is aware of the importance to the exchequer of the yield of the existing duties, other than value added tax, which are levied on tobacco;
4. Considers that the harmonization of the excise on tobacco would be a significant step towards the removal of obstacles to free trade and in the development of greater interpenetration of markets;
5. Realises, however, that the relative slowness of progress in this sphere reflects the widely differing systems at present in operation in the Member States;
6. Appreciates the need for certain derogations from the effect of the Directive but urges that these be of as short duration as is reasonably possible;
7. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to incorporate, pursuant to Article 149 second paragraph of the Treaty, the following amendments in its proposal;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down basic rules for the supply of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to the countries of the Sahel and Ethiopia

#### *The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1687 fin. 1/B),
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 331/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 349/74),
  - having regard to the alarming reports received from relief organizations, particularly the FAO, and in view of the steady deterioration in the food situation in the countries of the Sahel and Ethiopia,
  - in view of the Community's special responsibility towards the famine-stricken countries,
  - taking into account earlier resolutions and reports,
1. Approves the Commission's proposal for the supply of 9000 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder to the Sahel area and Ethiopia;
  2. Endorses the proposal that, if the intervention agencies' stocks of skimmed-milk powder should be inadequate, the necessary amounts should be acquired on the Community market, because some deliveries must be made immediately and it is essential to ensure regularity of supply;
  3. Urges the Commission, however, to take the necessary steps to prevent large-scale disturbances on the Community market;

4. Recommends that tenders be invited for supplying the skimmed-milk powder in order to obtain the most favourable terms;
5. Agrees with the Commission that the transport of the skimmed-milk powder to its destination must be financed by the Community to ensure that the powder really reaches those who need it;
6. Hopes, moreover, that the Commission and the Council as well as the Governments of the Member States will do all in their power out of sheer humanity to limit the effects of the famine in the Sahel countries and Ethiopia;
7. Urges that, in addition to an increase in food aid, the necessary action be taken to restore the ecological balance in the countries affected by the drought;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the Governments of the Member States and, for information, to the FAO.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive amending Council Directive No 68/297/EEC on the standardization of provisions regarding the duty-free admission of fuel contained in the fuel tanks of commercial motor vehicles

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 223/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 344/74),

1. Considers that the proposal for a Directive constitutes a step forward in the field of free circulation of goods;
2. Considers it, nevertheless, necessary that actions should be taken to enable the duty-free admission of all the fuel contained in the normal fuel tanks of commercial motor vehicles by 1 January 1976;
3. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendment in its proposal, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No C 104, 13. 9. 1974, p. 96.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation extending the validity of Regulation (EEC) No 3576/73 on imports of the wine product exported under the label of 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus, and introducing subsidies for similar wine products manufactured in the Community as originally constituted and exported to Ireland and the United Kingdom

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 316/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 348/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 134, 31. 10. 1974, p. 24.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation totally or partially suspending Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products, falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Malta

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1672/fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 333/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 347/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the opening of a tariff quota for new potatoes falling within subheading 07.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff for 1975, originating in Cyprus

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. COM(74) 1641/fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 322/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 346/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision supplementing the Community programme on research into classical swine fever and African swine fever

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 277/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 341/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 126, 17. 10. 1974, p. 36.

## RESOLUTION

on the results of the first European Community/Latin America Interparliamentary Conference,  
held in Bogota from 15 to 18 July 1974

*The European Parliament,*

- emphasizing the interest it has demonstrated for many years<sup>(1)</sup> in establishing closer relations between Europe and Latin America,
- recalling its resolution of 14 November 1972<sup>(2)</sup> in which it expressed the desire to continue and intensify contacts with representatives of Latin America and instructed its Bureau to take the necessary steps to this end,
- having learned from its delegation of the progress of the First European Community/Latin America Interparliamentary Conference held in Bogota from 15 to 18 July 1974,
- having taken note of the final act of the conference<sup>(3)</sup>,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinions of the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 351/74),

1. Notes with satisfaction the positive results of this first interparliamentary meeting attended by a large number of Latin American delegations at the Latin American Parliament<sup>(4)</sup>;
2. Is glad to note that delegates from Mexico attended the conference as observers, thus demonstrating their interest in relations with the European Community;
3. Welcomes also the presence at the conference of members of the now dissolved Chilean Parliament who were freely elected and today are unable to take their seats in Parliament;
4. Notes with great interest the conclusions contained in the final act of the conference and commends them to the attention of its appropriate committees as well as of the Commission and Council of the European Communities;
5. Underlines the particular interest of the recommendations concerning economic relations, specific cooperation programmes, and the encouragement of economic development, and hopes that before long these will find expression in practical acts;
6. In this spirit supports the proposal to establish within the framework of interparliamentary relations a programme of scholarships for young people from Latin America, beginning in 1975;
7. Welcomes the determination with which the conference proclaimed its commitment to the parliamentary institution and to democratic rule, and denounced those governments which strike at civic and political rights, and approves the conference's decision to re-examine at its next meeting representative democracy on both continents;
8. Invites a delegation of the Latin American Parliament to a second European Community/Latin America Interparliamentary Conference, to take place in one of the European Community countries in the second half of 1975;

<sup>(1)</sup> See particularly the resolutions of: Martino report, Doc. 48/63, Martino report, Doc. 98/64, De Winter report, Doc. 139/69, De Winter report, Doc. 27/71.

<sup>(2)</sup> Resolution based on Mr Boano's report (Doc. 179/72).

<sup>(3)</sup> PE 37.862/rev.

<sup>(4)</sup> The Latin American Parliament was represented by delegations from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Salvador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Surinam and Venezuela.

9. With this in view, instructs its appropriate committees to pay close attention to the development of economic relations between the European Community and Latin America;

10. Instructs its President to issue the necessary instructions to enable the appropriate departments in the secretariats of the two Parliaments to make suitable preparations for the second conference along the lines already established in the final act, in collaboration with other Community institutions and, if necessary, with the help of experts;

11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

for the conference of Heads of State or Government held in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974

### *The European Parliament,*

- welcoming the initiative of the President of the French Republic in calling this conference at a critical moment for Europe, in view of the need to give fresh impetus to European unification,
- stressing the urgent need to move on, in the economic and financial fields as well in the general political field, from declarations of intent to practical decisions, which is a prerequisite for any further progress towards European union and the strengthening of the Community's popular support,
- having regard to the report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 367/74),

1. Calls upon the conference:

A. to confirm the commitments entered into at the Paris conference of October 1972 and the Copenhagen conference of December 1973 on the progressive development of the Community towards a European union and to transform them into specific Directives;

B. to decide, consequently, on the creation of an overall Community policy designed to:

- fight inflation resolutely,
- ensure a high level of employment and to protect workers' earnings,
- give new impetus to economic recovery,
- implement a Community energy and raw materials policy to safeguard supplies, while maintaining the necessary solidarity, and to organize a dialogue between the producer and consumer countries; a pre-condition for a common energy policy and for successful cooperation between the energy producing and energy consuming countries is full participation by the European Community in the OECD International Energy Supply Agency,
- implement at last, in accordance with votes by the European Parliament, the decision to establish a regional development fund with sufficient resources to aid the less favoured regions of the Community;

2. Requests that, for the purpose of putting this policy into effect, the Decision-making procedures provided for in the Treaties should be restored and applied in the Council;
3. Requests that the transformation of the present political cooperation procedure into a Community procedure be speeded up;
4. Requests that the European Parliament be granted real budgetary Decision-making and supervisory powers;
5. Requests that the Council be instructed to fix by 30 June 1975 a date for its election by direct universal suffrage not later than 1980;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the conference of Heads of State or Government, the Parliaments of the Member States, and the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the harmonization of the laws of Member States concerning natural yeasts and yeast residues

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(73) 330 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 7/73),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 194/74),
1. Welcomes the Commission's proposed Directive as a useful step towards removing differences between Member States' laws concerning the composition, production characteristics, packaging and labelling of natural yeasts and yeast residues and finds that the Commission was justified in making Article 100 of the EEC Treaty the legal basis of its proposal;
  2. Supports the Commission's attempts to establish minimum public health requirements for yeasts intended for human consumption, while allowing for technical advances in manufacturing methods;
  3. Calls upon the Commission to submit at the earliest possible opportunity proposals for appropriate sampling procedures and analysis methods, harmonized at Community levels, to ensure effective control of compliance with the provision relating to the water used in the production of yeasts (Article 3(1) of the proposed Directive);
  4. Agrees with the Commission that yeasts grown on alkanes (saturated hydrocarbons) may not be marketed as products fit for use in food for human consumption since they have not yet been proved harmless;
  5. Calls upon the Commission, however, in view of the world shortage of protein to actively support all research projects into the use of yeasts grown on alkanes for direct human consumption, and to submit a proposal for a Directive on the marketing of such yeasts in due course;
  6. Urges the Commission once more to submit the proposal for a general Directive on packaging materials for foodstuffs which it announced years ago, thus providing a standard solution to the basic problem of packaging hygiene at Community level;

7. Insists once again that manufacturers' details on the labelling of packages intended for consumer information must be given at least in the language of the receiving country;
8. Calls upon the Commission to specify the characteristics of dried baker's yeasts, the methods of yeast sampling and the analysis methods for testing the characteristics laid down in this Directive at the latest by the date on which the Directive is due to enter into force;
9. Believes that this Directive should take effect throughout the Community within two rather than three years after notification;
10. Requests the Commission to make the following amendments to its proposal, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
11. Requests its committee to check carefully whether the Commission of the European Communities modifies its proposal in accordance with the European Parliament's amendments, and if necessary, to report on the matter;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

on the second annual report on the activities of the new European Social Fund, financial year 1973

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the second annual report on the activities of the new European Social Fund, financial year 1973 (SEC(74) 2400 fin.),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 380/74),

1. Recalls its resolution of 25 April 1974 on the first annual report on the activities of the new European Social Fund for the financial year 1972 <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular the remarks it contains on the structure of the report, which remain valid;
2. Welcomes the fact that the Commission of the European Communities has taken account of the request made in that resolution to submit the 1973 report in good time and to give a full and detailed analysis of the problems arising in connection with the application of the new Regulation for the Fund;
3. Further welcomes the fact that the Commission's report draws clear conclusions from the first year of full operation of the new Fund, concerning both its mechanisms and control over it, and also regarding criteria for selecting applications;

(1) OJ No C 55, 13. 5. 1974, p. 47.



4. Notes with satisfaction that the bulk of the appropriations allotted as contributions from the Fund in 1973 have in fact, by contrast with what happened with the old Fund and thanks chiefly to the Commission's efforts to give priority to applications most in accord with the spirit and objective of the new Fund, gone to the Member States facing the most pressing social and employment problems;
5. Readily agrees with the measures the Commission has taken in selecting projects, and with the fact that it has given priority to activities in the context of a preventive policy to promote employment, and to activities that supplement and complement other policies already laid down at Community level;
6. Shares the Commission's objections indicated in the report to applications by Member States in respect of general requests, and supports its efforts to bring about a better application of the criteria for assistance from the Fund;
7. Repeats the statement it made in the resolution of 25 April 1974 to the effect that the greatest problem in operating the new Social Fund lay in the shortage of financial resources, especially for projects under Article 5; this will be felt even more strongly in 1975 because of the unemployment problems which will arise;
8. Therefore greatly regrets that the Council, in opposition to earlier opinions from Parliament and despite the difficulties already experienced by the Commission in the past in meeting all applications submitted, has in the 1975 budget again reduced, in the first instance by 70000000 units of account the appropriations proposed by the Commission under Article 5; calls upon the Council once again to restore these appropriations;
9. Considers that this negative attitude not only flagrantly contradicts intentions stated frequently and solemnly, in particular at the 1972 Paris summit, but also involves a danger of the European Social Fund becoming a considerably less effective and efficient instrument of Community employment policy;
10. Points out that, in the present economic situation, appropriations under Article 5 of the Social Fund are for the time being the only instrument available to the Community in this area;
11. Hopes in this connection that the Regional Fund, which constitutes the second form of Community aid in the employment sector, may be implemented at an early date;
12. Concludes therefore that the Council must in any case state its readiness to make available in the near future supplementary funds for the Social Fund to stimulate employment;
13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Annex IV of Council Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Community to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 352/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 375/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 144, 21. 11. 1974, p. 37.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on the financing by the Community of certain emergency measures in the field of animal health

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 330/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 374/74),
- considering the communication from the Commission to the Council of 26 April 1974 on the resolution concerning animal and plant health and animal nutrition <sup>(2)</sup>,
- considering the report drawn up by Mr Bourdellès on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on that communication <sup>(3)</sup>,

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Urges that this proposal be adopted as soon as possible;
3. Requests, furthermore, that the programme of measures in the veterinary field established in the Commission's communication of 26 April 1974 be respected as far as possible, so contributing to the protection of the agricultural sector, to the removal of barriers to trade and to the efficient operation of the common market;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 145, 22. 11. 1974, p. 58.

<sup>(2)</sup> Doc. 108/74.

<sup>(3)</sup> Doc. 162/74.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision extending the period of operation of the system of minimum prices for potatoes and certain vinegars

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 371/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 389/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Keenly regrets that the Commission has still not submitted a proposal for a Regulation concerning the common organization of the market in potatoes;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

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(1) OJ No C 151, 30. 11. 1974, p. 8.

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## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation fixing for the 1974/75 sugar marketing year in respect of Ireland and the United Kingdom the derived intervention price for white sugar, the intervention price for raw beet sugar and the minimum prices for beet
- II. a Regulation altering in respect of Denmark the intervention price for butter

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1895 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 391/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 396/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposals;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

### on the fixing of ECSC levies and on the operational budget for 1975

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the *aide-mémoire* from the Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 353/74),
- following the joint meeting of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 398/74),

1. In the context of the present discussion on the strengthening of its budgetary powers, draws attention to the exemplary nature of the own resources system applicable to the ECSC budget;
2. Notes that the procedure for the adoption of this budget makes it possible in practice for real cooperation to be established between the two institutions concerned and results in a genuine form of co-decision;
3. Asks the Commission henceforth in the *aide-mémoire* to Parliament to base its budgetary strategy on more detailed financial and economic considerations and to place this draft budget more specifically in the context of the Community's energy policy;
4. Approves the Commission's determination to restrict the amount of expenditure to a level compatible with the anti-inflation policies of the Member States, and notes that the volume of the proposed appropriations will permit the continuation of the measures undertaken in the sectors concerned;
5. Notes with satisfaction that this draft budget encourages a dynamic and varied approach to the problems and objectives involved;
6. Welcomes in particular the proposed intensification of effort in regard to coal policy, especially in the field of aid to research, and the new low-cost housing construction programme;
7. Welcomes the introduction of a new budgetary item showing capital gains and the balance of resources, and notes the Commission's undertaking to allocate these as a matter of priority to research, especially in the coal-mining sector;
8. Therefore approves the ECSC draft budget for 1975 submitted by the Commission and urges that the levy rate be maintained at 0.29 %;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Council.

## RESOLUTION

### on the negotiations between the EEC and the ACP countries on the renewal and enlargement of the association

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the memorandum from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the future relations between the Community, the present AASM States and the countries in Africa, the Caribbean, the Indian and Pacific Oceans referred to in Protocol 22 to the Act of Accession (COM(73) 500/fin.),

- having regard to the conclusions of the ministerial conference in Kingston of 26 July 1974, at which progress was made in respect of trade, the introduction of a system to stabilize export earnings and industrial cooperation,
- having regard to the final communiqués of the Joint Committee meetings of 30 May 1974 in Dinard and 25 October 1974 in Mauritius,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 388/74),

1. Stresses that the association is the result of a political decision and that closer political and economic cooperation would in the long run be beneficial to all the partners;
2. Emphasizes that the existing form of cooperation between the Community and the AASM is the only practical example of development policy in the world to have a wide range of policy instruments at its disposal, based on the mutual interests of all the contracting parties;
3. Therefore welcomes the enlargement of the association and, in view of the present development policy crisis in the world, considers the intention of nine industrialized and 44 developing countries to establish closer political and economic ties and seek new development policy methods as a matter of outstanding political importance;
4. Is convinced that the association is helping to break the present vicious circle of underdevelopment and thereby to improve the degree of integration of the economies and the level of supplies to the population, together with the socio-economic infrastructure and the educational level of the people;
5. Welcomes the fact that the countries listed in Protocol 22 have decided in favour of an association with the EEC rather than the simple conclusion of trade Agreements;
6. Points out that the enlargement and renewal of the association and the simultaneous working-out of a global development aid policy will be a turning point in the Community's aid policy which will allow the achievements of the association and the needs of a world-wide Community aid policy to be brought together;
7. Considers that the definition of EEC common policies should take account of the new association policy and of the global development aid policy, which will be all the better understood and accepted if a genuine Community regional policy is introduced;
8. Is convinced that the development of trade is one of the principal aspects of the association and therefore hopes that even greater attention will be given to the new convention, since it is a decisive factor for an improvement of the economic situation of the associated States;
9. Has noted with satisfaction the successful results of the ministerial conference in Kingston, especially in regard to trade policy matters, and hopes that the decisions of principle taken at that conference will be implemented in the Agreement;
10. Draws attention to the adverse consequences of the closure of the Suez Canal on the economies of certain associated and associable States, and urges that special measures be taken to develop trade, in particular exports of bananas from Somalia;
11. Considers the safeguarding of the interests of the sugar-producing ACP countries to be a moral and economic obligation which must include a guarantee to purchase 1.4 million metric tons of sugar at a price which will ensure equitable export earnings for the producer countries, these prices to be reviewed annually having regard to the production costs, the prices paid to European producers and the world market price of sugar, it being understood that the ACP countries will undertake to deliver the agreed tonnages;
12. Considers the introduction of a system to stabilize export earnings as an essential innovation of the new Association Agreement;

13. Requests the Community to include in the earnings stabilization system above all those products which are of vital importance to exports from the poorest ACP countries and to take safeguard measures, including in particular an agreement on a ceiling for the stabilization fund;
14. States its agreement, for reasons of solidarity, to the possibility of participation by all members of the association in the stabilization fund; however, there should be provision for a special refund system for the economically better placed countries; for the machinery necessary to achieve the stabilization of earnings a flexible procedure should be used, allowing for quantitative and qualitative criteria;
15. Considers that the size of the future European Development Fund — which bears witness to the Community's full solidarity with the associated countries, despite its present economic difficulties — should be sufficient to enable the benefits received by the AASM to be updated; the new associated States should be put on an equal footing with the existing partners, taking account of the following factors:
  - the increase in demographic weight brought about by the entry of the new associated States;
  - the real purchasing power of the aid,
  - the real economic and social development needs of these countries;
16. Considers that the principle of financing the EDF from the Community's own resources would provide an assurance of continuity in financial aid during the interim period between two conventions and allow the European Parliament to exercise real control;
17. Hopes that the ACP countries will in future be allowed to participate to a greater extent than the AASM did in the management of the EDF and the implementation of projects financed by it;
18. Considers it appropriate for non-refundable aid from the European Communities to be reserved as a matter of priority for the most deprived countries and believes that greater differentiation between EDF actions according to the degree of development of the beneficiary countries will be a further improvement to the enlarged association;
19. Believes that the rules relating to the European Investment Bank must also be adapted to the needs of the new and enlarged association so that the bank can make its particular contribution to improving the economic structure of the associated countries;
20. Welcomes the planned cooperation in the industrial sector and views the purpose of this cooperation as the progressive achievement of a more rational division of labour between the Community countries and the associated States;
21. Urges the Commission to use all available means to contribute to increased cultivation of food crops in the countries least developed at present, so as to ensure their self-sufficiency in foodstuffs, while promoting the necessary industrial development in those countries;
22. Considers private investment urgently necessary for the economic and social development of the associated States and therefore believes it essential to create a favourable climate for investment and to lay down a mutual good conduct code, providing the prerequisites for success of an industrial cooperation programme; regrets in this connection that the Commission proposals on the introduction of a Community guarantee system for private investments in third countries have not yet been approved by the Council;
23. Believes in this connection that contact between employees' and employers' organizations and with other economic organizations, such as chambers of industry and commerce, should be developed and strengthened at every level, and requests the Commission to promote such contacts;
24. Stresses the important role and influence of the institutions in ensuring the success of the existing association, and insists that joint bodies should also be provided under the new convention with responsibility for administration and control of the association;

25. Urges the maintenance on a joint basis of the institution of the annual conference representing the peoples of the association, and hopes that its work will be prepared by a smaller joint body;
26. Supports the planned creation of consultative bodies for economic and social matters, but stresses that this must not be allowed in any way to diminish the importance of the joint parliamentary bodies;
27. Hopes that the permanent character of the association will be recorded in the preamble to the new convention, but, in view of the new dimension of the association and the possible resulting need for adaptations whose nature and extent will only become apparent after practical experience, considers that provision should be made for a review after five years;
28. Invites the negotiating partners to make every effort to ensure that the new convention can be signed before the Yaoundé II and Arusha Agreements expire; pending ratification of the convention, this would allow temporary measures to be taken based on the provisions of the new convention to the extent that these fall within the province of Community law;
29. Urges the Commission and Council of the European Communities, should the negotiations not be completed in time, to consider all possible means of action necessary in particular for the benefit of the most deprived countries and those afflicted by the drought;
30. Belives that the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries which meet the criteria for States participating in the EEC/ACP negotiations and are about to achieve independence, should be given the possibility of acceding to the association by a simplified procedure before or after the signing of the new convention;
31. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Association Council, the appropriate bodies of the associated and associable States and the members of the parliamentary conference of the association.

#### RESOLUTION

on the present situation with regard to energy policy, following the conclusion of an international agreement of Member States of the OECD to safeguard energy supplies and to set up an international petroleum supply agency

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the fact that eight Member States of the Community and other Member States of the OECD signed an agreement on energy on 18 November 1974 and that they intend to set up a petroleum supply agency under the OECD,
- having regard to its various resolutions on energy policy, and in particular on the Community's new energy policy strategy of 11 July 1974<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having regard to the requirements specified by the conference of Heads of State or Government of Member States of the European Communities held in Copenhagen on 14 and 15 December 1973 concerning the activities of the Community organs in certain fields,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974, p. 79.

1. Believes that the new Community energy policy strategy proposed by the Commission and approved by the European Parliament should be finally adopted by the Council and should guide the Community's future energy policy;
2. Fears that the lack of unity among Member States regarding a common energy policy could lead to the irrevocable loss of the European identity;
3. Calls, therefore, for implementation of the decisions on energy policy of the conference of Heads of State or Government held in Copenhagen on 14 and 15 December 1973, and regrets that the Council resolution of 17 September 1974 does not fully reflect either these decisions or the Commission's proposals for a new energy policy strategy;
4. Considers it inadequate for the European Communities to play the role of a mere observer in the OECD, and therefore urges the Council to take immediate steps to ensure that the European Communities accede to this agreement as soon as possible and apply for full membership of the international petroleum supply agency to be set up in the OECD, the creation of which meets with its approval;
5. Calls also upon the Council to take the necessary measures to ensure that, under this agreement and within this international petroleum supply agency, the Commission should speak on behalf of Member States of the Community which alongside the Community are members of the agency in their own right;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of the European Communities and to the Governments of the Member States and, for information, to the Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

on the draft general budget of the European Communities for the 1975 financial year, modified  
by the Council on 28 November 1974

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the draft general budget for the 1975 financial year established by the Council (Doc. 288/74),
- having regard to its deliberations on 14 November 1974<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having regard to the outcome of the Council's deliberations on 28 November 1974 (Doc. 400/74),
- having regard to its deliberations on 10 and 12 December 1974,

#### I. APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 203

1. Reiterates its criticism of the complex and ambiguous nature of the budgetary provisions contained in Article 203 of the EEC Treaty;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 155, 9. 12. 1974, p. 24 ff.



2. Reaffirms its view that these provisions are an obstacle both to the desired development of new Community policies and to the required strengthening of the European Parliament's budgetary powers;
3. Welcomes, however, the efforts made by the institutions concerned to cooperate throughout the budgetary procedure;
4. Feels that the goodwill and pragmatic approach pervading relations between the Council and the Assembly have enabled an acceptable compromise to be reached in respect of the budget for the 1975 financial year;
5. Welcomes the classification, at this stage in the budgetary procedure and following the Parliament's intervention, of expenditure relating to the regional development fund in the category of 'non-compulsory' expenditure and considers that this classification should be confirmed by the nature of the basic decisions to be taken on this matter;
6. Confirms that expenditure for United Nations international emergency measures (Article 940), which were the subject of the first supplementary budget for 1974 established by the Council on 26 November 1974, should be classified as 'non-compulsory' expenditure;
7. Considers that the corrections it has made to its own budget at the Council's request<sup>(1)</sup> are not amendments within the meaning of the fourth subparagraph of Article 203 (8), and does not therefore intend to decrease its maximum rate of increase in non-compulsory expenditure under the 1975 budget by the total amount of these amendments<sup>(2)</sup>.

## II. PARLIAMENT'S POSITION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE COUNCIL'S DELIBERATIONS

### A — Proposed modifications

8. Deplores the fact that none of the 10 proposed modifications adopted by Parliament concerning compulsory expenditure, which accounts for about 85% of all appropriations shown in the draft budget, has been accepted by the Council;

#### EAGGF — Guarantee Section

9. Wonders if expenditure under the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF is really compulsory, the Council having refused on the one hand to include an amount of 200 million units of account for the foreseeable adjustment of agricultural prices (proposed Modification No 17) and on the other to reduce the total amount in that it has modified proposed Modification Nos 12 and 13;

#### EAGGF — Guidance Section

10. Regrets that the Council has not thought fit to accept the arguments forming the basis of proposed Modification No 24, which aimed at increasing the appropriations for individual projects and allowing them to be financed as a common measure within the meaning of Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70;

#### Appropriations for food aid

11. Refers to its proposed Modification Nos 1, 2 and 3 concerning food aid, and notes the Council's commitment to take the necessary budgetary action once the decisions on the 1975 programme have been taken;

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<sup>(1)</sup> Amendment Nos 44, 47, 53 and 54.

<sup>(2)</sup> In line with its resolution on the budget of Parliament, adopted on 14 November 1974.

## B — Amendments

Amendments not modified by the Council

12. Notes that the Council has not modified Amendment Nos 40, 36, 37, 27, 41, 19, 20, 9, 10, 11, 55 and 24 adopted by the European Parliament on 14 November 1974;

Amendments to which the Council has made modifications which Parliament accepts

13. Decides not to reinstate in particular Amendment Nos 38 and 39 (posts for the Staff Committee and building loans), the Council having agreed to take part in inter-institutional discussions on these questions.

### III. ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the draft general budget of the Communities for the 1975 financial year established by the Council (Doc. 288/74),
  - having regard to its deliberations on 14 November 1974,
  - having regard to the outcome of the Council's deliberations on 28 November 1974,
  - having regard to its deliberations on 10 and 12 December 1974,
1. Finds that the procedure laid down by the provisions of Articles 203 EEC, 177 EAEC and 78 ECSC has been completed;
  2. Adopts pursuant to its votes and in accordance with the provisions of Article 203 (6) EEC, Article 177 (6) EAEC and Article 78 (6) ECSC the general budget of the European Communities for the 1975 financial year.

### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on multinational undertakings and Community Regulations

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(73) 1930),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 261/73),
- confirming its resolutions on the Community industrial policy (Doc. 277/73), control of mergers (Doc. 362/73), and the second report of the Commission on competition policy (Doc. 264/73),
- having noted the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 292/74),
- having regard to the need to promote the viability of firms of all sizes within the Community,

1. Observes that multinational undertakings have, in the last decades, developed on an extraordinary scale;
2. Notes:
  - that this development has had beneficial effects on productivity, technological progress, and management methods,
  - that by their size, their vast liquid assets and the concentration of their decision-making methods, multinational undertakings have, however, caused serious problems and dangers, for the solution of which international regulations are lacking, especially in the areas of employment, competition, tax obligations, international monetary relations and the security of supply of certain raw materials;
3. Emphasises that this concern has for many years now been the occasion of detailed studies by a large number of expert committees set up by the United Nations, the OECD, ILO, NATO and the American Congress;
4. Congratulates the Commission on having taken the initiative in attempting to prevent, with the aid of an appropriate legal framework, a development which is contrary to the objectives of the Treaties;
5. Approves, in broad outline, the measures envisaged by the Commission of the European Communities and presented by it as being in no way discriminatory — since they are directed against situations for which national undertakings or even private individuals might just as well be responsible — and as no more than a beginning, given the number and complexity of the problems to which appropriate solutions have yet to be found;
6. Regrets that the Council has not yet taken action on the two proposals for Directives to eliminate the tax obstacles to transfrontier mergers which were forwarded to it by the Commission more than five years ago;
7. Considers it necessary that in the work on fiscal planning aimed at saving taxes, account should be taken not only of internal transfer prices and licence fees but also of the contribution to the research costs of the parent company. The interest paid to the latter when the subsidiary company has not benefited directly from the loans paid for 'management services', the aim being to safeguard the interests of the host country, in accordance with general current practice;
8. Hopes also that the Council will discuss and express its opinion on the report on holding companies submitted by the Commission;
9. Approves the Commission's efforts to obtain a better knowledge of the flows of currency, capital and liquid assets incident to the transnational operations of companies and to seek, as part of the activities relating to economic and monetary union, a solution to the problem of disruptive movements of currency and capital;
10. Notes with satisfaction the set of measures envisaged for protecting workers against collective dismissal and the consequences of mergers, concentrations, restructuring, buying-up of undertakings or decisions to reduce investments;
11. Shares the Commission's desire to encourage the establishment of a trade union counterweight which would make a great contribution towards the solution of many employment problems and ask the Commission to draw up a proposal for a European legislation on collective agreements;
12. Attaches great importance to a close watch being kept on oligopolistic situations as referred to in Articles 85 and 86 and to action to combat restrictive trade practices: export bans, market-sharing agreements, purchases linked to production factors including raw materials, restrictions expressly provided for in contracts for the transfer of technical know-how, the arbitrary fixing of the transfer price between parent and subsidiary company, and monopoly practices;

13. Would like to see increasing and more thorough application of the procedures for exchange of information between the anti-trust authorities of the European Community and the corresponding bodies in the other OECD countries;

14. Supports the idea of cooperation agreements with the developing countries designated to encourage the kind of private investment best suited to their priorities, and to define long-term conditions for receiving these investments and possibly the provisions applicable in the event of transfer of ownership of industrial plants;

In this context, emphasizes the need for a legally-based exchange of information on the activity of multinational undertakings between the Community and the developing countries, in particular those bound to the Community by special agreements;

Considers that the Community should ensure that its policy on multinational undertakings, and in other areas, is compatible with its general policy towards developing countries;

15. Feels it essential that a better dissemination of information about the operations of multinational undertakings should be aimed at;

16. Considers that the collection and periodic publication of increasingly accurate quantitative and qualitative information about multinational undertakings over a certain size would constitute a particularly effective means of making their activities more transparent in future;

17. Would like to see the Commission regulate the specific content of annual accounts, ensure their uniformity and adopt the idea of requiring all undertakings or companies above a certain size, whatever their statutes, to publish their annual accounts, as provided for in the proposal amending the fourth Directive on the annual accounts of limited liability companies;

18. In view of the world dimensions of the problems raised by the multinational companies, would like the Commission and the Council, while incorporating the provisions listed above in Community law, to take the initiative of undertaking negotiations with the governments and the various international organizations with a view to their universal application. The aim would be to arrive at a general agreement on taxes and investment, similar to GATT, and the creation of an international body responsible for its implementation and authorized to carry out investigations and make recommendations;

19. Expresses its belief that far too much time has been allowed to elapse before getting to grips with the problems caused by the unchecked development of multinational undertakings, and that in the meantime they have gained a considerable lead over public authorities and trade union movements in the internationalization process;

20. Approves, therefore, the broad lines of the draft Council resolution, which gives the Commission the powers it requests to intensify its work in all the areas which it specified;

21. Instructs its Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to keep the situation in this field under review and to report back in due course;

22. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, as well as to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for the elimination of technical barriers to trade

- with particular reference to the Directives on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on:
  - the scales of charges for the testing of gas meters
  - radio interference caused by equipment operating at radio frequencies in the range 10 kHz to 18 GHz — high-frequency industrial, scientific and medical equipment and similar apparatus
  - road and rail transport tanks used as measuring containers
  - the reverse and the speedometer of motor vehicles
  - anchorages for motor-vehicle safety belts
  - statutory plates and inscriptions for motor vehicles and their trailers, and their location and method of fixing

### *The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals for Directives submitted by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Docs. 164/74, 189/74, 227/74, 230/74, 234/74 and 235/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee, the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 323/74),

1. Stresses that if further delays are to be avoided, the elimination of technical barriers to trade must be sought by means of a streamlined procedure, which at the same time ensures effective intervention and control by the Community institutions;
2. Therefore demands that action programmes for the elimination of technical barriers to trade be given a legally binding form defining basic principles;
3. Looks to the Commission to systematically propose outline Directives in accordance with Article 100 of the EEC Treaty for the individual sectors defined in such an action programme and to lay down on its own responsibility provisions for their implementation pursuant to Article 155 of the EEC Treaty;
4. Draws attention to the need, in eliminating technical barriers to trade, to apply within each individual sector a similar harmonization procedure;
5. Demands that Member States be required to notify the Commission in good time of any measures which could be the subject of harmonization;
6. Expects all bodies responsible for economic policy to refrain from taking measures which could result in the creation of trade barriers;
7. Approves the proposals for the Directives in question, with the abovementioned general reservations on procedure;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the text of the oral explanatory statement to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 74, 1. 7. 1974, p. 5. COM(74) 1181 fin. OJ No C 104, 13. 9. 1974, p. 5. OJ No C 121, 11. 10. 1974, p. 31. COM(74) 1121 fin. OJ No C 113, 25. 9. 1974, p. 63.

**RESOLUTION**  
**on permanent links across certain sea straits**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 319/74),
- referring to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 85/73) on the improvement of traffic infrastructures across the Alps, and to its resolution of 5 June 1973<sup>(1)</sup>,

1. Notes that certain sea straits within the Community constitute an impediment not only to the development of an inter-connected Community transport network, but also to the economic and social development of certain regions;

2. Recognizes that there are already sea and air links in existence across these straits but considers that despite such links, certain sea straits would be less of an impediment if permanent links were created whether by bridge or tunnel;

3. Considers that the creation of such links, projects requiring further studies in which the Community should participate, would materially reduce transport costs and time between:

- Continental Italy and Sicily,
- the Danish Islands, the other Community countries, and Sweden,
- the United Kingdom and other Community countries,

while facilitating in some cases in accordance with the Communities aims the transfer of industrial growth from zones of excessive concentration to regions suffering from structural unemployment;

4. Recognizes that while the costs of building permanent sea strait links may be high, such ventures are likely to be commercially viable if the users pay a fair share of the cost of such traffic infrastructures;

5. Recognizes also that the social effects of new and easier links across sea straits are likely to be considerable, particularly on the out-lying areas of the Community;

6. Considers that coordination at Community level is necessary whenever such projects are being considered, with a view not only to assisting, if necessary, in the financing of transport networks connected to the new links, but also in planning;

7. Asks, in the light of the Council Decision of 28 February 1966 instituting a procedure for consultation in respect of transport infrastructure development, for:

- (a) a detailed examination to be undertaken of all projects currently under consideration by Member States for the creation of permanent links across sea straits;
- (b) consideration to be given to the probable effects of such projects not only in connection with actual transport costs but also in connection with the effects in social and economic terms not only in the areas most immediately affected but also in the Community as a whole;
- (c) consideration to be given to the desirability of offering financial aid to certain infrastructure proposals for permanent sea links which are of priority importance both within the Community and at its borders.

8. Instructs its President to forward the resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 49, 28. 6. 1973, p. 12.

## RESOLUTION

on the preliminary report from the Commission of the European Communities on the problems of pollution and nuisances originating from energy production and on a draft Council resolution on energy and the environment

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the report of the Commission of the European Communities (SEC(74) 1150 fin.),
  - having regard to the draft from the Commission of the European Communities for a Council resolution (SEC(74) 1150 fin./2),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 320/74),
1. Welcomes this report from the Commission which should form a basis for the framing of urgently-needed legislation;
  2. Regrets that the scope of the report is limited to three types of pollution and asks the Commission to turn its attention as soon as possible to the other pollution problems arising from energy production;
  3. Supports the Commission's view that energy supply problems should not cause any reduction in the efforts being made to protect the environment;
  4. Draws the Commission's attention to recent studies made on the use of waste heat from heat power stations for district heating and other practical purposes;
  5. Demands that the Commission re-examine its attitude towards both wet and dry cooling towers, which have considerable disadvantages from an environmental point of view;
  6. Supports the Commission's proposed measures on sulphur dioxide, but considers that the desulphurization of fuels should be a first priority;
  7. Notes that pollution caused by the emission of sulphur dioxide could be considerably reduced if less energy were consumed as a result of more efficient insulation of homes, and calls on the Commission to initiate a Community-wide campaign to inform householders of this fact;
  8. Repeats its request that the Commission submit a proposal for a Directive fixing appropriate standards for the construction, maintenance and inspection of domestic heating plant burners and calls on the Commission to put forward proposals for common rules on home insulation as soon as possible;
  9. Calls on the Commission to undertake as soon as possible the proposed study and research on the effect of nitrogen oxides on health and the environment;
  10. Calls on the Commission to ensure that common methods for the permanent measuring of pollution are introduced into the Member States as soon as possible;
  11. Requests the Commission to make the following amendments to the draft resolution, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
  12. Requests its committee to check carefully whether the Commission modifies its proposal in accordance with the European Parliament's amendments, and if necessary, to report on the matter;
  13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission or the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to welded unalloyed steel gas cylinders
- II. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to seamless aluminium alloy gas cylinders

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 216/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 221/73) for a Directive with a view to harmonizing the legislation of common measures of the Member States with regard to pressure vessels and methods of control of vessels<sup>(2)</sup>,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 384/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposals recognising that these are merely implementing Regulations;
  2. Insists once more that these Regulations provide a transitional solution and that total harmonization should be the Commission's ultimate aim;
  3. Considers that the trade in filled gas cylinders merits subjection to Community legislation and urges therefore that the Commission draws up a Directive to deal with these cylinders;
  4. Requests the Commission to make the following amendment to its proposals pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
  5. Requests its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission adopts the European Parliament's amendment to its proposals and, if necessary, to report to Parliament on the matter;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 104, 13. 9. 1974, pp. 59 and 75.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 64.



## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the braking devices of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors
- II. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the installation of lighting and light signalling devices on wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors
- III. a Directive modifying the Council Directive of 6 February 1970 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the permissible sound level and the exhaust system of motor vehicles

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Docs. 199/74 and 236/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport and the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 364/74),
- considering that the Commission has stressed, in the preamble to the first proposed directive on tractor braking devices and in the explanatory memorandum to the second proposed Directive on tractor lighting and light signalling devices, a concern to improve safety on the road and at work,
- recalling that it has on a number of occasions stressed the need to limit the applicability of the 'optional' system for reasons of safety, and that there is a need for unified Community legislation in this field,

1. Considers that the 'optional' system introduced in the two proposed tractor Directives should be applicable for a limited period only so that unified Community legislation for all the Member States can be enacted at a later stage;

2. Welcomes the reduction in the permitted sound level of motor vehicles in the third proposed Directive and hopes that the Commission will make speedy and continuing progress in its efforts in combating noise pollution;

3. Invites the Commission to make the following amendments to its proposals pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty;

4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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(1) OJ No C 104, 13. 9. 1974, pp. 16 and 30; OJ No C 113, 25. 9. 1974, p. 67.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a second Directive amending the Council Directive of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 219/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 377/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Insists that in applying this Directive measures must be taken to ensure that the health of human beings and animals is fully protected;
  3. Urges the Commission to submit as soon as possible the proposed Regulations establishing tolerance levels for residues of pesticides on and in feedingstuffs;
  4. Requests the Commission to make the following amendment to its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 104, 13. 9. 1974, p. 93.

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## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the total or partial suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural products originating in Turkey

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 332/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 378/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 144, 21. 11. 1974, p. 20.

## RESOLUTION

on the outcome of the third international parliamentary conference on the environment held in Nairobi on 8 to 10 April 1974

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the resolutions adopted by the third international parliamentary conference on the environment on 10 April 1974 in Nairobi,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 361/74),
1. Stresses the great importance of the third international parliamentary conference on the environment as regards more effective parliamentary control of government activities in the field of environmental protection;
  2. Is prompted by the demands expressed in the resolutions of the parliamentary conference to contribute, by means of this resolution and through observations, requests and suggestions, to an intensification of the European Community's activities in the field of environmental protection, notably coordination with measures to be taken at international level;
  3. Considers it urgently necessary for parliaments and their members to exchange information on environmental protection measures and initiatives taken in their countries in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of work and to make it possible for exemplary measures in one country to be adopted by others;
  4. Stresses, in agreement with the parliamentary conference, the need for a rapid extension of the Global Environmental Monitoring System (GEMS) and the International Referral System for Sources of Environmental Information (IRS) and requests that:
    - (a) the Commission should actively participate in the boards of GEMS and IRS in order to involve the European Community more closely in these important activities, and
    - (b) all members of the European Parliament should have access to these two systems for their information needs;
  5. Believes that the technical and administrative bodies responsible for monitoring environmental pollution and working out measures in the individual Member States for satisfactory protection of the environment require structural overhaul and strengthening in order to become more effective;
  6. Urges the Commission energetically to pursue its efforts to legislate in the matter of preventing transfrontier environmental damage;
  7. Requests the Commission to initiate negotiations with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and to work towards the speedy conclusion of an international convention on the general reduction of aircraft noise levels;
  8. Insists that the Commission should ensure implementation of the polluter pays principle in the Community and submit proposals on conditions governing any exemptions from it;
  9. Supports the appeal by conference participants to all governments to give increased attention to protection of the environment, and therefore calls upon the Commission and Council of the European Communities to accord, as in the past, appropriate importance to environmental protection in the conflict of interests between the need to secure energy supplies and the population's claim to satisfactory living conditions;

10. Is convinced of the need for a uniform pollution standard to be applied in all countries in order to counteract the tendency of some undertakings to construct their industrial plants in economically weaker countries for the purpose of avoiding the more stringent pollution control laws in their own countries;
11. Advocates the world-wide application of the technique of preparing environmental impact statements to ensure that environmental factors are taken into account as part of the legislative and project-orientated decision-making processes and supports the view that this technique should also be applied to construction work by public authorities (particularly the building of roads and motorways);
12. Requests the Commission to initiate measures to involve citizens in frontier areas in joint planning activities calling for consideration of rational land use requirements and other environmental issues and thus contributing to the solution of major infrastructure problems;
13. Calls on the Commission and Council to learn from the experience of the third United Nations conference on the law of the sea in Caracas and to adopt in due time, before the beginning of the coming conference on the law of the sea in Geneva, a common position on all major items on the agenda;
14. Once again calls on the Commission of the European Communities, in collaboration with the International Commission for the protection of the Rhine against pollution, to put forward as soon as possible a satisfactory solution to the environmental problems in the basin of this river;
15. Notes that although forest cover has in recent years increased in the Community, it has nevertheless decreased in the vicinity of large towns and urban conglomerations, and therefore requests the Commission to work out appropriate proposals to counteract this trend;
16. Requests the Commission to consider whether and to what degree research projects on the production of substitutes for non-renewable resources can be encouraged and Community funds made available for the financial promotion of such projects;
17. Supports the Nairobi conference's demand that all peoples should have free access to the most advanced technologies for the better use of natural resources and the control of environmental deterioration and requests the Commission and Council to examine the possibility of ensuring free access to environmental protection technologies at least within the Community by creating a suitable licencing procedure analogous to the rules contained in the Euratom Treaty;
18. Insists that the European Community as a whole should make contact with other governments and international organizations with a view to drawing up a world-wide environmental protection programme;
19. Suggests that the Commission should submit each year to the Parliament on environment day (6 June) a report on its activities in the field of environmental protection, and calls on the national parliaments also to invite members of the European Parliament to their debates on environment day;
20. Instructs its President to ensure that the European Parliament is adequately represented at future international parliamentary conferences by ensuring that at least one delegate is sent from each group;
21. Instructs its committee to report to it on all future parliamentary conferences on the environment;
22. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for frozen beef and veal falling within subheading 02.01 A II a) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff (1975)

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1822 fin.)<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 369/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 395/74),
1. Taking account of the fact that the obligation to open an annual quota for frozen beef and veal arises from undertakings given in the context of GATT, approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Nonetheless, requests the Council and Commission of the European Communities to implement the protective measures laid down in Article 19 of GATT should the said importations cause or threaten to cause disturbances on the Community market;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 151, 30. 11. 1974, p. 4.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on the reduction of pollution caused by certain dangerous substances discharged into the aquatic environment of the Community

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1706 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 334/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 393/74),
- aware of the necessity to standardize the provisions on the aquatic environment contained in the international conventions — the Paris convention, the Strasbourg convention, the Rhine convention — and to coordinate them with the Community's programme of action on the environment,

1. Believes that the time limits laid down for the application of the various limiting values are appropriate and approves the use of the qualified majority in Council deliberations on this subject;
2. Hopes that Member States will forward to the Commission of the Communities the inventory of discharges into the aquatic environment of the Community not later than 31 December 1975;
3. Hopes that Member States will extend their global approach on catchment basins to all other aquatic problems;
4. Approves the proposal for a Decision which has the merit of coordinating the provisions of the various conventions on the aquatic environment;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision authorizing the Netherlands to grant aid for agricultural products following the rise in the central rate for the Dutch guilder

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1824 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 370/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 411/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward the resolution and the committee's report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous duties under the Common Customs Tariff on a number of agricultural products

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 342/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 392/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Believes, however, that autonomous tariffs should be abolished at a suitable time for those products of which there is no significant Community production;
  3. Requests, therefore, that the autonomous tariffs for:
    - dried white beans (species phaseolus), and
    - fresh and dried dates intended for the processing industry,should be abolished rather than suspended for six months;
  4. Reminds the Commission that it has been asked by Parliament on several occasions to submit a report<sup>(2)</sup> on the reasons for the inadequate supplies of some of the agricultural products which have been the subject of proposals from the Commission for the suspension of autonomous duties;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 144, 21. 11. 1974, p. 36.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 49, 28. 6. 1973, p. 51 and OJ No C 76, 3. 7. 1974, p. 55.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive amending for the second time Directive No 73/241/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1848 fin),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 381/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 397/74),

1. Refers to its resolution of 18 June 1964<sup>(1)</sup> on the original Commission proposals for Directives on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on cocoa and chocolate products and its resolution of 15 February 1973<sup>(2)</sup> on the amendments proposed by the Commission to the proposal for a Council Directive on the approximation of Member States' legislation on cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption;
2. Approves the Commission's proposal;
3. Calls upon the Council to adopt the Commission's proposal early enough for the amended Directive to be made national law, as planned, by 1 January 1975;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No 109, 9. 7. 1964, p. 1703/64.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 14, 27. 3. 1973, p. 48.

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#### RESOLUTION

on the present situation of refugees in Cyprus

*The European Parliament,*

- aware of the intolerable situation in which large sections of the Cypriot population now find themselves,
- having regard to the commitments entered into by the Community towards Cyprus as an Associated State,

1. Calls upon the Council to decide at once to make available a further 5 000 metric tons of cereals for the refugees in Cyprus and to take further humanitarian relief measures on the basis of proposals from the Commission;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States and to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.



## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision adopting a first three-year plan of action in the field of information and documentation in science and technology

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 294/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 387/74),
  - having regard to its earlier resolutions on this subject, in particular the resolution of 15 June 1972, paragraphs 3 and 4, on the Euratom research programme in the form decided on by the Council on 21 December 1971 and the agreements between European States on certain joint research projects undertaken in collaboration with the Commission of the European Communities (COST Agreements),
1. Notes that, in accordance with its earlier requests, these plans in support of non-nuclear research are based on Article 235 of the EEC Treaty, thereby acquiring a legal foundation;
  2. Welcomes the fact that in this case the Community and third countries are to cooperate in a joint action to be managed by the Commission;
  3. Considers that the proposed measure, once implemented, will improve the infrastructure for Community research and the dissemination of information; although it will be necessary to extend it by laying down a standard language for computer control and therefore requests the Commission to make appropriate proposals;
  4. Calls in this connection for suitable measures for the protection of data, taking into account the fact that the results of the programme of action must be made available to all, including minor interested parties;
  5. Regrets once again the short notice given by the Council for consideration of this proposal;
  6. Regrets that the necessary appropriations have been entered in the budget only under Chapter 98;
  7. Notes with disapproval:
    - (a) that there is no written explanation of the extensive cuts to the original sums quoted and no comprehensive account of the reasons behind these cuts;
    - (b) that current estimates of costs for the second and third years of the programme have not been included;
  8. Requests the Council and the Commission each acting within its own terms of reference to submit future proposals on this and other matters in accordance with a timetable which allows Parliament to give them proper unhurried consideration, as otherwise the whole purpose of consultation will be defeated;
  9. Points out to the Council and the Commission that, if they fail to act on this request, they alone will bear responsibility for the consequences if Parliament is unable to meet the deadlines proposed by the Council and Commission;

(1) OJ No C 126. 17. 10. 1974, p. 37.

10. Approves the proposal of the Commission of the European Communities and requests the latter to incorporate in its proposal the following amendments pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
  11. Requests its competent committee to follow attentively the progress of the three-year plan of action and to report on the subject if appropriate;
  12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.
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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision establishing a programme of technological research in the textile sector

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 287/74),
  - having regard to the report by the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 424/74),
1. Notes that, as it has urged in the past, research projects of a non-nuclear character are in this case based on Article 235 of the EEC Treaty and that these projects are thus given a legal basis;
  2. Approves the Commission's proposal although it gives insufficient information on the financial implications, which has made a proper assessment difficult;
  3. Regrets once again the short notice given by the Council for consideration of this proposal;
  4. Requests the Council and the Commission, each acting within its own terms of reference, to submit future proposals on this and other matters in accordance with a timetable which allows Parliament to give them proper unhurried consideration, as otherwise the whole purpose of consultation will be defeated;
  5. Points out to the Council and Commission that, if they fail to act on this request, they alone will bear responsibility for the consequences if Parliament is unable to meet the deadlines proposed by the Council and Commission;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of the committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No C 133, 29. 10. 1974, p. 7.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive concerning the harmonization of excise duties on mineral oils

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council on an optional basis (Doc. 172/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the Opinion of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 401/74),

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal, which is seen as a further step towards economic and monetary union;
2. Regrets nevertheless that progress towards tax harmonization has been desultory and calls on all concerned to show a greater sense of urgency;
3. Stresses the particular importance of the harmonization of excise duties on mineral oils, which not only has fiscal implications, but also has a bearing on fundamental problems of the common energy, transport and competition policy;
4. Urges the Commission to report to it as soon as possible on the results of the investigations into the influence of mineral oil taxes on prices and the taxing of mineral oils as an instrument of energy policy;
5. Urges the Commission once more to submit a proposal for the framing of a common energy policy which will also take all the fiscal aspects into account;
6. Points out that the technical amendments it proposes do not affect its agreement with the objectives of the proposed Directive;
7. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(1) OJ No C 92, 31. 10. 1973, p. 36.

## RESOLUTION

on the adoption of a draft convention introducing elections to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage

### I

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the report of its Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 368/74),
- reaffirms its conviction that the process of European unification cannot succeed without the direct participation of the peoples affected,
- therefore considers a European Parliament elected by direct universal suffrage as an indispensable element in achieving further progress towards integration and establishing a better equilibrium between the Community institutions on a democratic basis,
- in pursuance of the task assigned to it by the Treaties establishing the European Communities,
- having regard to the need to adapt the draft convention of 1960 to the changed circumstances as they now exist,
- replaces the draft convention it adopted on 17 May 1960 <sup>(1)</sup> by the following;

## DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BY DIRECT UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

- resolved to take the freely expressed will of the peoples of the Member States of the European Communities as the justification for the mission entrusted to the European Parliament;
- anxious to emphasize the representative character of the European Parliament by the election of its members by direct universal suffrage;
- having regard to Articles 21 (3) and 96 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community;
- having regard to Articles 138 (3) and 236 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;
- having regard to Articles 108(3) and 204 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community;
- having regard to the draft prepared by the European Parliament and adopted by it on 14 January 1975;

has drawn up the following provisions which it recommends the Member States to adopt:

### CHAPTER I

#### General provisions

##### *Article 1*

The representatives of the peoples in the European Parliament shall be elected by direct universal suffrage.

##### *Article 2*

1. The number of representatives elected in each Member State shall be as follows:

Belgium .....	23
Denmark .....	17
Germany .....	71
France .....	65
Ireland .....	13
Italy .....	66
Luxembourg .....	6
Netherlands .....	27
United Kingdom .....	67

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No 37, 2. 6. 1960, p. 834/60.

2. The Parliament, the Commission or the Government of any Member State may propose to the Council changes in the number of members provided for in paragraph 1.

Amendments to this convention shall be made pursuant to the procedure provided for in Article 14 of this convention.

### *Article 3*

1. Representatives shall be elected for a term of five years.

2. The five-year legislative period shall begin at the opening of the first session following each election.

### *Article 4*

1. Representatives shall vote on an individual and personal basis. They shall accept neither instructions nor any binding mandate.

2. National legislation shall ensure that the representatives receive the same guarantees as to independence, indemnity and immunity as their counterparts in the national Parliaments.

### *Article 5*

Membership of the European Parliament shall be compatible with membership of a Parliament of a Member State.

### *Article 6*

1. The office of representative in the European Parliament shall be incompatible with that of:

- member of the Government of a Member State;
- member of the Commission of the European Communities;
- judge, advocate-general or registrar at the Court of Justice of the European Communities;
- member of the Court of Auditors of the European Communities;
- member of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community or member of the Economic and Social Committee of the European Economic Community and of the European Atomic Energy Community;
- member of committees or other bodies set up in pursuance of the Treaties establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, the

European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community for the purpose of managing the Communities' funds or carrying out a permanent and direct administrative task;

— member of the Board of Directors, Management Committee or staff of the European Investment Bank;

— active official or servant of the institutions of the European Communities or of the specialized bodies attached to them.

2. Subject to the entry into force of special rules pursuant to Article 7 (1) of this Convention, the provisions of each Member State relating to incompatibility with a national parliamentary mandate shall be applied.

3. Representatives of the European Parliament appointed, in the course of a legislative period, to any of the offices mentioned above shall be replaced under the terms of Article 12.

## CHAPTER II

### Electoral system

#### *Article 7*

1. The European Parliament shall draw up a proposal for a uniform electoral system by 1980 at the latest. The Council shall unanimously lay down the appropriate provisions, which it shall recommend to the Member States for adoption in accordance with their constitutional requirements.

2. Pending the entry into force of this uniform electoral system and subject to the other provisions of this convention, the electoral system shall fall within the competence of each Member State.

#### *Article 8*

The provisions governing the admission of political parties to elections in each Member State shall apply to elections to the European Parliament.

#### *Article 9*

1. Elections to the European Parliament shall be held on the same day in all Member States.

2. Any Member State may, however, decide to hold the elections one day earlier or later than the fixed date or to spread them over two consecutive days including that day.

3. The Council shall make arrangements in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 14, to ensure that the election results are declared at one and the same time.

#### *Article 10*

1. Elections to the European Parliament shall be held not later than one month before the end of each legislative period.

2. The European Parliament shall sit automatically on the first Tuesday following an interval of one month from the last day of the elections.

3. The outgoing European Parliament shall remain in office until the first sitting of the new Parliament.

#### *Article 11*

Pending the entry into force of the uniform electoral system to be adopted in accordance with Article 7 (1), the European Parliament shall verify the credentials of representatives and rule on any disputes that may arise in this connection.

#### *Article 12*

Pending the entry into force of the uniform electoral system to be adopted in accordance with Article 7 (1) and subject to the other provisions of this convention, the Member States shall lay down appropriate procedures for filling any seat which falls vacant during a legislative period.

### CHAPTER III

#### Transitional and final provisions

#### *Article 13*

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 9, the first elections to the European Parliament shall be held not later than the first Sunday of May, 1978.

2. The date of subsequent elections shall be fixed, taking account of Articles 3, 9 and 10, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 14.

#### *Article 14*

Should reference be made to the procedure laid down in this Article or should it appear that further measures are required to implement direct elections to the European Parliament in accordance with this convention and if the necessary powers are not provided, the Council shall, acting unanimously on a proposal from the European Parliament and with its approval, make the appropriate provisions. The Council shall consult the Commission before making its decision.

#### *Article 15*

1. The following provisions stand repealed by the present convention: Article 21 (3) of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, Article 138 (3) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and Article 108 (3) of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community.

2. Article 21 (1 and 2) of the ECSC Treaty, Article 138 (1 and 2) of the EEC Treaty, and Article 108 (1 and 2) of the EAEC Treaty shall be repealed on the date fixed in Article 10 (2).

#### *Article 16*

This convention is drawn up in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Irish and Italian languages, all seven texts being equally authentic.

#### *Article 17*

1. This convention shall be ratified by the Member States in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements.

2. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Government of the Italian Republic, which shall inform the signatory States and the institutions of the European Communities when this has been done.

3. This convention shall enter into force on the day the instrument of ratification is deposited by the last signatory State to carry out this formality.

## II

### *The European Parliament,*

- instructs its Political Affairs Committee to establish appropriate contacts with the Council and the Member States with a view to securing the early adoption of the draft convention,
- urges the Council to establish the appropriate contacts with the European Parliament immediately if, in its opinion, changes should be made to the draft convention,
- instructs its Political Affairs Committee to bring forward a supplementary report when modifications of the draft convention appear to be necessary,
- instructs its Political Affairs Committee immediately to carry out the necessary preliminary work for the introduction of a European electoral system,
- instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the draft convention and the report of its committee, to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for Regulations on the fixing of prices for certain agricultural products and connected measures for the 1975/76 marketing year

### *The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 2001 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 413/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 437/74),
- whereas the Council, in view of the disturbing rise in agricultural production costs, decided on 2 October 1974 to agree with the Commission's intention to base its price proposals for the 1975/56 marketing year on production cost trends over the years 1973/74, taking into account the price decisions already taken for the 1974/75 marketing year, and other factors such as incomes, the agricultural market and the economy in general,
- whereas, along with marketing and structural policy, price policy remains one of the most important instruments for implementing the common agricultural policy, which also aims to ensure a comparable income for agricultural workers,
- whereas achievement of the above aim is endangered because on the one hand production costs rose more rapidly than anticipated in 1974 and will continue to rise appreciably in view of the pressure on the fodder and fertilizer markets, while on the other hand the guide prices fixed in the meat sector were far from being realized; whereas moreover the exceptionally bad weather in autumn 1974 had negative repercussions on agricultural incomes, and whereas the world food situation which threatens to become disastrous makes it necessary particularly to encourage the production of certain agricultural products,

- having regard to the objective criteria applied in determining the agricultural prices based on a guarantee of a fair income to modern farms, the situation on the agricultural markets and production cost trends over the past two years, and the decision not to take into account the inflationary cost increase in Italy, partly compensated by the interim adjustments of the representative rate of the 'green lira' for Italian agriculture,
- having regard to the Commission's endeavours to restore market unity by changing the parities of the 'green currencies', which meets wishes continually expressed by the European Parliament <sup>(1)</sup>, and to the fact that in countries with a revalued currency the compensatory amounts can, however, be abolished only gradually and with great prudence,
- whereas, having regard to the fact that over the years 1973/74 there was a considerable difference in cost growth between Member States with a revalued currency and those with a devalued one, it is possible to reduce the monetary compensatory amounts without affecting the income position of farmers in the countries concerned,
- whereas the adverse effects of the continuing financial instability on the common agricultural market can only be overcome by genuine progress towards economic and monetary union,
- aware that the sharp fall in the incomes of European farmers especially over the past year has occasioned national measures which have led to distortions of competition and can only be withdrawn if they are harmonized with each other in accordance with Community wide criteria and fitted into a Community framework and if suitable measures are introduced on a Community basis which fulfil the same objectives as those at present extant in Member States:

#### Price proposals

1. Considers that the proposed average price increase is patently inadequate for providing farmers in 1975 with an income equivalent to that enjoyed by those employed in other sectors and in no way compensates for losses suffered in 1974; in view of the present market situation, is able to agree with the proposed ratio of the prices for animal products to prices for vegetable products although income ratios would justify a greater increase in the price of animal products; considers that the whole of the increase in farm yields attributable to progress in the technico-biological field should go to producers as compensation for their relatively low income, and should therefore not constitute a criterion for determining the general level of prices;
2. Considers, having regard to the need to combat inflation in the Community and to the minor effect on consumer prices, that the influence of the price proposals on the cost of living can be regarded as acceptable;
3. Is aware that the sharp fall in incomes in the beef and veal sector over the past few years can no longer be countered through the price policy and existing intervention mechanisms alone, and considers that it would be correct in the present circumstances to introduce Community support Regulations in favour of beef and veal producers as a supplement to the price policy; considers that the support must be sufficiently closely supervised to avoid any abuse;
4. Expects supplementary proposals before 1 April 1975 for the common marketing arrangements for beef and veal;
5. Believes that it would be best to make the total milk price increase effective from 1 February 1975; doubts the expediency of maintaining the present relationship between the value of milk fat and the value of milk protein as it must be feared that the substantial increase in the price of butter in some Member States will result in an appreciable decline in consumption;
6. Considers it important for a better price relationship for cereals that the price increases for maize and barley should be relatively higher than increases for the other types of cereals;

<sup>(1)</sup> Heger report, Doc. 275/73; De Koning report, Doc. 248/74.



7. Considers that the price increase for durum wheat, having regard to the market situation, should not be allowed to fall behind that for common wheat;
8. Recalls the European Parliament's position <sup>(1)</sup>, that the support for olive oil should be equal to the difference between the production target price and the market price actually realized, and requests the Commission to submit proposals on this in good time; considers that with this aim the production target price for olive oil should be increased more than the Commission now proposes, in order to avoid a relative fall in the incomes of olive oil producers;
9. Agrees with the price increase for fruit and vegetables in general, and with the extra increase in the reference price for glasshouse products, and invites the Commission to investigate how the reference price system for fruit and vegetables and for glasshouse products can be made to work better in future; is, however, convinced of the continuing need to apply the current Regulations on grubbing apple and pear trees; awaits with interest the specific proposals regarding the restructuring of glasshouse horticulture and invites the Commission to bring forward measures on a Community basis to replace existing national subsidies designed to compensate growers for the increased cost of fuel used by the glasshouse industry;
10. Considers that, having regard to general economic developments since the guide prices were last fixed, to the production costs increase and to the importance of wine prices in the incomes of a large number of farmers in various areas of the Community, the proposal to increase the price of certain types of wine by 8% is justified, while the price for type R II wine will be increased slightly more to align it with the guide price for type R I table wine; urges the Commission to submit without delay the necessary proposals to allow measures to improve the market situation for certain types of wine which have been made necessary by the continuing price falls for certain categories of table wine over the past few years, with adverse effects on the incomes of the vintners affected which could no longer be coped with through the price policy;
11. Cannot agree, in view of the situation with regard to producers' incomes, to the proposed tobacco prices, which are based too one-sidedly on the market situation, and requests the Commission to make supplementary proposals;
12. Believes that the Commission should review the Community regime for pigmeat in view of its lack of sensitive response to the market trends, world food price levels and the requirement to relate production to consumption at fair and reasonable prices which would give a realistic return to the farmer and stability to the market;
13. Invites the Commission, in view of the changed market situation, to submit proposals designed to bring the United Kingdom as well as Ireland as soon as possible in line with all the price levels appertaining in the Community, thereby ending the transitional period for all the remaining products;
14. Demands that the increase in the price of sugar to apply from 1 February 1975 be passed on in its entirety to the producers who supplied sugar beet during the 1974/75 marketing year;
15. Considers it important for the market to be managed in such a way that Community prices really have a positive effect on farmers' incomes;
16. Invites the Commission to submit proposals to zero rate certain agricultural products in all Member States as an important aid in the fight against inflation;
17. Considers it important in this connection for adjustments to the refund policy to be made gradually, to take account of the trade situation and of the interests of employment in the agricultural processing industry;

(1) Scott-Hopkins report, Doc. 366/73.

### Structural measures

18. Agrees with the special aid measures proposed for young farmers, while pointing out that this measure only applies to a very small number of farmers;
19. Insists that the Council take, at the same time as it fixes the new agricultural prices, the decisions required to bring into effect the Directive on hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured regions;
20. Once again urges that the grants stipulated in the Directive on the cessation of farming and the incentives stipulated in the Directive on the modernization of farms and the schemes in the Directive on socio-economic guidance and the acquisition of occupational skills should be adjusted to the devaluation of currencies;

### Monetary measures

21. Repeats the views it already expressed and explained in detail on the occasion of the modification of the agricultural prices for 1974/75, that the Commission should endeavour to secure further adjustment of the 'green currencies' with a view to restoring the common agricultural market; notes however that until economic and monetary union is achieved, monetary compensatory amounts will remain an indispensable instrument for ensuring the maintenance of the common agricultural policy and is of the opinion that monetary compensatory amounts can be abolished only if the figures on cost trends in the Member States so indicate; considers that in view of the divergent cost trends in the Member States the adjustment of certain 'green currencies' in a number of Member States must be aimed at, with as a first immediate step a reduction by one quarter of the remaining monetary compensatory amounts as from 1 February 1975, accompanied by an extension by one year of the direct compensation made by the Federal Republic of Germany through VAT in connection with the 1969 revaluation;
22. For reasons of clarity, states that it is in agreement with the proposals not expressly mentioned in this resolution;
23. Requests the Commission to incorporate the proposed amendments in its proposals, in accordance with Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty;
24. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Directive completing the provisions under Title V of the Directive on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas which was adopted by the Council on 21 January 1974
- II. eight Directives concerning the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of the Directive on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas adopted by the Council on 21 January 1974

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 2222 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 438/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 439/74),

1. Deplores the short amount of time at its disposal to consider this matter, because of the Council's lateness in consulting Parliament;
2. Realizes how important it is that the Council should reach a speedy Decision both on this matter and on farm price proposals;
3. Approves the Commission's proposals;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of the aid to producers for the 1973 harvest

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 362/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 427/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Urges that the derogation to Article 9 of Directive No 1696/71/EEC contained in Regulation (EEC) No 423/74 under which the United Kingdom can grant aid to hop producers until 31 January 1975 should continue to cover works completed in the United Kingdom by 31 December 1975.
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 147, 26. 11. 1974, p. 14.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the establishment of a Community register of olive cultivation

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 276/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 426/74),
1. Approves the establishment of a register of olive cultivation in the Community and considers this a useful contribution to efficient market management in the olive oil sector;
  2. Stresses the importance of the establishment of a register of olive cultivation for the improvement of Community agricultural statistics;
  3. Defers its Opinion on the conditions of application and the financing of this project until the Commission's new proposals on the organization of the market in olive oil are known;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 126, 17. 10. 1974, p. 34.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation concerning the importation into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Tunisia
- II. a Regulation concerning the importation into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Morocco

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 2005 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 402/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 403/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposals;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the transitional measures to be implemented after 31 January 1975 in the context of relations with the countries of Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific and the overseas countries and territories

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council and the proposals for one Council Regulation and two Council Decisions (Doc. 433/74),
  - having regard to its resolution of 10 December 1974 <sup>(1)</sup> arising from the report on the negotiations between the EEC and the ACP countries on the renewal and enlargement of the association (Doc. 388/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 441/74),
  - conscious of the importance of the negotiations between the EEC and 45 countries of Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific,
  - desirous of maintaining continuity between the old association conventions at present in force and the future EEC/ACP convention,
1. Approves the measures proposed by the Commission and designed to maintain, in an initial transitional phase and with a view to avoiding a legal vacuum between the old association conventions and the new EEC/ACP convention, the present *status quo* by extending the validity of the following beyond 31 January 1975:
    - the second Yaoundé convention covering relations between the EEC and the AASM and the annexed agreements relating in particular to ECSC products,
    - the Arusha Agreement covering relations between the EEC and the East African countries,
    - the Council Decision of 29 September 1970 concerning the overseas countries and territories,
    - the provisions of Title III, Chapter 2, and Title IV of the fourth part of the Act concerning the conditions of accession and adjustments to the Treaties;
  2. Declares itself in favour of conclusion of an interim agreement on 1 July 1975 between the EEC and the ACP countries in order to permit, in a second transitional phase, advance implementation of the provisions relating to trade in particular, and preparation of the implementation of the provisions laid down by the fourth European Development Fund it will in any case not be possible for the latter to operate until the new convention has been ratified by all the States in accordance with their own constitutional rules;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Association Council, the appropriate bodies of the associated and associable States and the members of the parliamentary conference of the association.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 5, 8. 1. 1975, p. 24.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on waste disposal

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 289/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 383/74),
1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal as a further step towards common rules on the waste sector;
  2. Calls on the Commission, however, to submit the other proposals provided for in the programme of environmental action for the harmonization of legislation governing industrial waste and residues by the scheduled time, and in particular for arrangements concerning:
    - (a) support for the development of new waste disposal technologies,
    - (b) support for the construction of European waste treatment facilities,
    - (c) the setting up of a centre for the dissemination of information on waste materials;
  3. Approves the choice by the Commission of Article 100 of the EEC Treaty as the legal basis for this Directive and reaffirms in this connection its earlier appeal for Community environmental protection measures to be based on this Article of the Treaty whenever possible;
  4. Approves the objectives set in the Directive of:
    - preventing any pollution of water, air and soil,
    - preventing wastage of raw materials, in particular by up-grading residues and re-using materials recovered in this way;
  5. Underlines the extreme importance of recycling and re-using waste not only for the saving of energy and raw materials, but also as a conscious measure to maintain and improve natural environmental conditions;
  6. Agrees with the Commission that, in view of the financial implications of rational waste disposal for a large number of industrial activities, the problem can no longer be solved at local or regional level and that a solution at Community level is indispensable;
  7. Requests the Commission to submit, as soon as possible, after the necessary studies have been made, proposals for Directives on waste generated during the extraction of mineral resources, the working of quarries and in agriculture;
  8. Considers that it would be more rational for the Directive on waste oil disposal recently adopted by the Council to be incorporated in this Directive;
  9. Urges that the intervals between the inspections by the competent authorities provided for in Articles 8 and 9 be kept as short as possible to ensure strict application of the Directive;
  10. Insists on the waste disposal plans to be drawn up by the competent authorities being made binding in certain cases on persons required to dispose of waste and other persons affected;
  11. Stresses the need for the period of 18 months for the implementation of the measures provided for in the Directive to be strictly observed so that there will be no further delay in the practical application of harmonization provisions in the Community;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 142, 16. 11. 1974, p. 6.

12. Points out that the wide-ranging outline arrangement embodied in this Directive will be of practical significance only when supplemented by detailed implementing Regulations at Member-State level;
13. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
14. Requests its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission modifies its proposal in accordance with the amendments proposed by the European Parliament and to report thereon if necessary;
15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of the committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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**RESOLUTION**  
**on the Channel Tunnel Project**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the decision of the United Kingdom Government to abandon, for the time being at any rate, any further work on the Channel Tunnel project,
  - recalling the terms of the resolution which it agreed unanimously on 12 December 1974<sup>(1)</sup> when it considered the report drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport by Mr Hill (Doc. 319/74),
  - re-asserting the importance it then attached to the Channel Tunnel, among other permanent links across sea-straits, as a step towards economic and social development within the Community,
  - recalling the emphasis the European Parliament placed, not only on the need for coordination at Community level, but also on the need for active financial participation from the Community, in the research studies and development of such projects, including the Channel Tunnel,
  - emphasizing that in its opinion the importance of the Channel Tunnel is to the Community as a whole and not merely to the two Member States directly concerned.
1. Urges the Governments of the United Kingdom and France to approach the Commission with a view to examining various types of financial assistance which would enable them to resume active participation in the Channel Tunnel Project;
  2. Calls upon the Commission to give consideration to ways and means by which, if the United Kingdom and French Governments so wish, aid or financial guarantees might be advanced from Community sources, for example the European Investment Bank, with a view to the resumption of the project;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 5, 8. 1. 1975, p. 43.

## RESOLUTION

on the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Amendola and Mr Lemoine on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group on an amnesty for war criminals

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Amendola and Mr Lemoine on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group (Doc. 200/74),
  - having regard to the report by the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 379/74),
  - convinced that the fundamental human rights, in particular the right to live, must be safeguarded at all times and by every means necessary,
  - determined to take decisive action to help in the detection, conviction and punishment of any person acting in violation of these rights,
1. Deplores the fact that many persons who have committed war crimes have so far evaded justice and escaped punishment;
  2. Condemns any general amnesty for war criminals;
  3. Will do its utmost to see that all obstacles to the detection and punishment of war criminals are removed as soon as possible;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the committee report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

## RESOLUTION

on Community Regulations for home study courses

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 57 of the EEC Treaty,
  - having regard to its previous Opinions on education and vocational training<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having regard to the report of its Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 416/74),
1. Is convinced that home study courses must be made subject to the supervision of the State authorities in the Community and that such supervision can best be applied by means of legislation;

<sup>(1)</sup> Resolutions on youth and education policy within the framework of the European Communities (Doc. 232/71).  
Resolution on the information policy of the European Communities (Doc. 246/71).



2. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for a Directive to the Council with a view to:
- approximating the legislation of Member States which already have such legislation on the basis of common principles,
  - including Member States which have no legislation to introduce laws based on the common principles referred to;
3. Considers that any legislation must include the following common principles:
- official inspection of all courses, which must receive a State certificate of quality,
  - appropriate training and qualifications for teaching staff,
  - prohibition of the use of sales representatives,
  - protection of students (especially as regards conditions of payment, contractual obligations, credit transfers, withdrawal etc.);
4. Requests the Commission to draw up the proposal for a Directive and submit it to the Council within six months;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and for information to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

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#### RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the liberalization of co-insurance operations and the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to co-insurance**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 57 (2), the second paragraph of Article 59 and Articles 63 (2) and 66 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 121/74),
- having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 432/74),

1. Notes that the purpose of the present proposal for a Directive is to enable all undertakings as established in the Community to participate in Community co-insurance and at the same time to carry out the minimum of regulation that is necessary if such liberalization is achieved;

2. Recalls that the freedom of establishment, as far as direct insurance operations other than life insurance are concerned, has been achieved by the first Council Directive<sup>(2)</sup> on the coordination of provisions relating to insurance other than life insurance and by the Directive<sup>(3)</sup> abolishing restrictions on freedom of establishment;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 72, 27. 6. 1974, p. 26.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 228, 16. 8. 1973, p. 3.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 228, 16. 8. 1973, p. 20.

3. Welcomes the present proposal as a first step towards liberalization in the co-insurance business, but regrets that in present circumstances it cannot go further;
4. Nevertheless calls on the Commission to make further proposals in due course to ensure freedom of services in the insurance field throughout the Community;
5. Accepts this proposal as a compromise between the existing regulations in some Member States on the one hand and the freedom to act in the rest of the Member States on the other;
6. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph of the EEC Treaty;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 907/73 of 3 April 1973 establishing a European Monetary Cooperation Fund

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 2106 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 428/74),
  - recalling its resolutions of 15 March 1973<sup>(1)</sup> and 19 October 1973<sup>(2)</sup>,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 489/74),
1. Approves in principle the Commission's proposal;
  2. Expects the Council to take a decision without delay;
  3. Stresses, furthermore, the independence of the Fund as a Community body;
  4. Remains of the opinion that even in its new form the Fund as such will be an insufficient instrument of Community monetary policy unless economic policy is implemented on a Community basis and the responsibilities of the Community institutions for this economic policy are strengthened;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the next of the oral explanatory statement to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the Committee of the Governors of the Central Banks and the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 19, 12. 4. 1973, p. 28.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 95, 10. 11. 1973, p. 27.

## RESOLUTION

### on the European Community's relations with the East European State-trading countries and COMECON

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its resolution of 4 April 1973<sup>(1)</sup> and to the political importance of the problems stressed in that resolution,
- having regard to point 13 of the final communiqué of the 1972 Paris summit conference on the need for a common policy on trade with the State-trading countries,
- having regard to the provisions of Article 113 of the EEC Treaty which calls for the establishment of a common commercial policy on the basis of uniform principles,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 425/74),

#### I

1. Notes with regret that, despite the declaration of intent made by the Member States of the European Community at the close of the 1972 Paris summit conference, the commitments deriving from the EEC Treaty to formulate a common commercial policy, in particular towards the State-trading countries, have not yet been met;
2. Strongly urges the Commission and the Council to improve information and consultation procedures on common measures in the field of external economic relations;
3. Considers it indispensable that the Council and Commission should draw up without delay a draft for a common commercial policy and set long-term objectives as yardsticks for decisions in this field;

#### II

4. Supports a balanced development of external trade with the COMECON countries based on the principle of reciprocity, thus ensuring equality of advantages and obligations, with due account taken of the difference in economic systems;
5. Notes that it is necessary to adjust the classical instruments of trade policy and supplement them in line with the latest requirements of international trade;
6. Welcomes the progress made in the field of credit policy towards the State-trading countries, and the developing world-wide harmonization in this field;
7. Welcomes the procedure now adopted by the Council for consultation on and coordination of cooperation agreements with third countries;
8. Repeats, however, the warning that the common commercial policy could be jeopardized by certain bilateral cooperation agreements;
9. Considers the progress made in the field of credit policy and cooperation policy to be inadequate and calls on the Commission and the Council to incorporate these policies in the draft of a common commercial policy;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 26, 30. 4. 1973, p. 10.

10. Views with satisfaction the signs of readiness on the part of the East European State-trading countries and COMECON to recognize the European Community as a trading partner;

11. Welcomes the establishment of contracts between the organs of the Community and COMECON, whilst at the same time drawing attention, however, to the structural differences and institutional and political problems which allow only restricted freedom of action;

12. Notes that the world-wide efforts at *détente* are contributing to the establishment and intensification of trade between the EEC and the East European State-trading countries;

13. Welcomes the common position of the Member States and the Commission's negotiating mandate at the conference on security and cooperation in Europe;

### III

14. Invites the Commission to present a report on the progress made on formulating a common commercial policy towards the State-trading countries;

15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

### RESOLUTION

on the recommendations adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association adopted in Istanbul-Tarabya on 11 October 1974

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the recommendations adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association during its XVIIth meeting in Istanbul-Tarabya from 6 to 11 October 1974 (Doc. 335/74),

— having regard to the report of its Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of its Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 448/74),

1. Approves the recommendations adopted on 11 October 1974 by the Joint Parliamentary Committee;

2. Welcomes the resolve expressed on that occasion to strengthen political cooperation and consultation between the association partners in order to help maintain peace and develop democracy in the eastern Mediterranean;

3. Considers, however, that these objectives cannot be attained until the tension and suffering among the civilian population in the Republic of Cyprus, a country associated with the Community, is ended;

4. Requests the interested parties, therefore, to seek a peaceful and lasting solution to the Cyprus question, based on the principle of the continued independence of the island and respect for the rights of the two communities;

5. Welcomes the rapid growth of economic and trade relations between the Community and Turkey, evidence of which is quoted in the ninth report of the Association Council, and hopes that suitable measures will be taken by the Community authorities to encourage Turkish exports and so reduce Turkey's mounting trade deficit with the Community;

6. Insists, to that end, that the agricultural concessions granted to Turkey by the Community should be extended, and that the Council should reconsider its refusal to include that country among the beneficiaries of the Community system of generalized preferences;

7. Requests the Council also to ensure that, whenever the Community grants advantages to third countries, under the generalized preferences system, suitable compensation should be made to Turkey so as to end the erosion of the preferences to which it is entitled as an associated country and potential Member State;

8. Stresses the advantages of growing financial cooperation between the two parties, in particular with regard to the development of potential underground resources in Turkey, and hopes in that connection that the obstacles in the way of the free movement of capital may be gradually reduced;

9. Regrets the fact that the Association Council has not yet been able to lay down provisions, pursuant to Article 39 of the Additional Protocol, allowing Turkish workers to aggregate periods of insurance or employment completed in individual Member States in respect of old-age pensions, death benefits and invalidity pensions, but hopes that a solution may quickly be found, on the basis of the proposals made by the Commission and set out in the Agreement concluded on this point on 10 June 1974 by the Council of the European Communities;

10. Points once more to the need to improve vocational training and integration of Turkish workers and their families in the host countries and the measures which must be taken to ensure that they are less affected than workers from third countries if jobs become scarce;

11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, the Parliaments of the Member States of the Community and the Turkish Government.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff as regards the exchange rate to be applied in respect of the tariff classification of certain cheeses

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council in accordance with Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 409/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 440/74 and Annex),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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(<sup>1</sup>) OJ No C 158, 17. 12. 1974, p. 21.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the recommendations from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- a Regulation concluding an Agreement extending the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Tunisian Republic
- a Regulation concluding an Agreement extending the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the recommendations from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1480 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 238 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 496/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 497/74),

1. Approves the Commission's recommendations;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

on the letter from the Council of the European Communities on the draft joint declaration by Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the establishment of a concertation procedure

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its resolution of 5 October 1973<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having regard to the final proposal from the Commission on the strengthening of Parliament's budgetary powers (Doc. COM(73) 1000 fin.),
- having regard to the joint guidelines established by the Council on the strengthening of the budgetary powers of the European Parliament (Doc. 135/74) and the considerations which guided the Council in the establishment of these guidelines (Doc. 213/74),
- having regard to the outcome of the meetings between its delegation and the Council on 25 June and 14 October 1974,
- having regard to the draft joint declaration on the concertation procedure and to the letter from the Council of 19 December 1974 (Doc. 431/74),
- having regard to the letter from its President to the President of the Council of 16 January 1975,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 483/74),

### Initiation of the concertation procedure

1. Welcomes the willingness to confer and cooperate shown by the three institutions concerned, which has resulted in a definite reconciliation of their original positions;
2. Appreciates the Council's agreement to the introduction of a concertation procedure before the present revision of the Treaties is completed;
3. Points out nevertheless that the strengthening of Parliament's budgetary powers, which was acknowledged to be essential even before the implementation of the own-resources system, has been regrettably delayed since 1 January 1975 and that the formalities for improving the budgetary procedures must be initiated;

### Procedural machinery

4. Welcomes the overall plan proposed by the Council, which seems likely to allow Parliament to play a genuine part in the procedure for preparing and adopting important Community decisions which give rise to Community expenditure or revenue, such expenditure or revenue to be entered in the budget;
5. Is also of the opinion that the value of this procedure will in practice largely depend on its interpretation by the institutions directly concerned particularly in the light of the explanatory statement attached hereto;

### End of the procedure

6. Considers that the degree of influence that it will be able to exercise over the Council's decision at the end of the procedure is accurately reflected by the different types of majority required in the Council depending on whether it acts in accordance with or contrary to Parliament's Opinion;
7. Notes that pursuant to Article 149 of the EEC Treaty unanimity is required for Council amendments to any proposal from the Commission;
8. Feels, therefore, that it should not be possible for the Council to depart from the resolution adopted by Parliament at the end of the concertation procedure unless its members decide to do so unanimously, and in this respect expresses categorically its reservations on the draft submitted by the Council;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 87, 17. 10. 1973, p. 6.

### Provisional introduction of the procedure

9. Points out, however, that it is in the interests of the Communities for better cooperation to be established as soon as possible between the Council and Parliament and therefore for a procedure for active parliamentary participation in all major decisions, particularly when they have appreciable financial implications, to be introduced;
10. Recognizes in this connection the quality of concertation between Parliament's delegation and the Council in 1974 both as regards the adoption of the 1975 budget and the strengthening of Parliament's budgetary powers;
11. Therefore considers it advisable to see in what spirit the institutions concerned apply this theoretically inadequate procedure and assess what goodwill they show;
12. Approves, therefore, the initiation, on a provisional and experimental basis, of the concertation procedure proposed by the Council, due amount being taken of the remarks contained in this resolution and particularly paragraph 5;
13. States, however, that the provisional introduction of this procedure will be pointless unless the following conditions, which Parliament has already put forward on several occasions, are at the same time fulfilled by the Council:
  - application of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty, which implies in particular that if the Commission alters its original proposal to take account of Parliament's Opinion, the Council must — expressly and within time limits to be agreed — state its position on the text as altered and cannot adopt any act constituting an amendment to this text unless it does so unanimously,
  - communication to Parliament of the majority by which the Council has acted,
  - uniform interpretation by the three institutions of Article 2 of the draft joint declaration to avoid any disputes;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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### RESOLUTION

#### on the European Regional Development Fund

#### *The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the decision taken on 10 December 1974 at the Paris summit conference to set up a Regional Fund with 300 million units of account in payment appropriations for the financial year 1974, with effect from 1 January 1975,
  - considering that a fund of 300 million units of account for the financial year 1975 constitutes a minimum for implementation of a credible Community regional policy,
  - noting with alarm the Council's inability to implement this decision.
1. Notes that the absence of such a decision constitutes a failure to fulfill the solemn decision taken on 10 December 1974 at the conference of Heads of Government in Paris;
  2. Requests that the Regional Fund be set up without delay in accordance with the undertakings given;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.



## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council entitled: 'Energy for Europe: Research and Development'

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (SEC(74) 2592 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 314/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 447/74),
  - recalling its earlier resolutions on the safeguarding of energy supplies and the promotion of Community research, particularly:
    - on the progress necessary in Community research, embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a scientific and technological policy programme<sup>(1)</sup>,
    - the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication and proposals from the Commission to the Council concerning a new energy policy strategy for the European Community<sup>(2)</sup>,
1. Takes the view that the problem of overcoming the energy shortage cannot be solved by 1985 partly because insufficient progress will have been made on the envisaged nuclear generating capacity and desires that account be taken of this in an energy research and development policy;
  2. Believes also that research and development, as part of the proposed general energy strategy, should not be regarded as final and unalterable but should be constantly developed in the light of changing circumstances and newly acquired knowledge;
  3. Approves the Commission's communication provided that the planned activities are arranged by the Commission in an order of priority corresponding to their respective importance in guaranteeing the Community's energy supply; in this connection research on the exploitation of fossil fuels should be given first priority;
  4. Urges the Commission to fix objective criteria for determining the priority to be given to the various sectors;
  5. Also urges the Commission to contribute, by supplying relevant information on the safety of nuclear power stations, to the creation of a climate of confidence to counter in a positive manner certain unfavourable reactions;
  6. Finally urges the Commission in connection with practices of energy research and development to arouse and strengthen public consciousness of the need to save energy;
  7. Urges the Council to see that the Member States submit to Community coordination all their research activities in the energy field;
  8. Believes it essential to use existing Community structures for the organization, administration and development of the activities referred to above;
  9. Requests the Council to make any organization created for this purpose responsible to the Commission in the same way as the Joint Research Centre under the Treaties; third countries, however desirable their participation might be, should only be allowed to take part if they recognize this legal situation;
  10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 108, 10. 12. 1973, p. 58.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974, p. 79.

## RESOLUTION

### on the present situation with regard to Community energy policy

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to the results of the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of 20 and 21 January 1975 in the matter of energy policy,

1. Expresses its dismay at the results of this meeting of the Council;
2. Has been stressing for years that a Community energy policy is vital to the attainment of the objectives of the Treaty; since the beginning of the world energy crisis this policy has become a cornerstone of every other Community policy;
3. Has welcomed the Commission's determined efforts in the past to promote a common energy policy and has regretted on each occasion the Council's rejection or dilution of this policy;
4. Observes with deep concern that the governments of certain Member States appear to have lost the will to achieve a common energy policy, thus weakening considerably their own advocacy of European union;
5. Considers that, unless the Council acts on the decisions taken on energy policy by the conferences of Heads of State or Government held in Copenhagen on 14 and 15 December 1973 and in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974, or on those taken in the meantime within the framework of subsequent international initiatives, the Parliament may feel obliged to suspend its cooperation in the field of energy policy within the framework of the consultation procedure;
6. Declares before the peoples of the Member States, from whom its mandate derives, that the governments of certain Member States and the Council are unwilling to do what is essential to guarantee the future of the Community and that of the Member States;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

## RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the allocation for 1974 of appropriations from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and certain final dates for the years 1974 and 1975**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 317/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 373/74/rev.),

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 134, 31. 10. 1974, p. 25.

1. Approves in principle the Commission's proposal;
2. Regrets once more the delays that have held up the decisions to be taken by the Commission of the European Communities on the requests for aid under the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and deplors the harm thus caused to agriculture in the Community;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation No 359/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in rice

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43(2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 390/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 493/74),
  - considering that since the beginning of 1973 world market prices of certain cereals, and particularly rice, had registered a strong upward trend, leading to the introduction of the 'shortage system' in the Community and the collection of export levies under the open tender system,
  - considering that subsequently the trend was partially reversed, to the point where recently world market prices have been lower than Community threshold prices, with the consequent re-introduction of export refunds for certain varieties of rice,
  - considering that with the present proposal the Commission intends to alter significantly the basic regulations, as in the case of cereals, the proposal for which was debated by Parliament as a matter of urgency,
  - considering that, in the case of cereals, a Council Regulation not requiring consultation of the European Parliament completed the export arrangements, laying down in particular that refunds may be fixed by open tender, and that it is intended to apply the same procedure and make similar changes in the case of rice, so that in the present market conditions refunds will no longer be awarded automatically,
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
  2. Is of the opinion, however, that the whole question of trade arrangements with third countries should be reviewed and made uniform and consistent with the interests of consumers and producers, thus putting small- and large-scale exporters in the Community on an effectively equal footing;

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 158, 17. 12. 1974, p. 16.

3. Accordingly invites the Commission to submit the relevant data to enable the European Parliament to make an overall assessment of the new mechanisms intended to regulate the entire cereal market in a manner appropriate to the new situation;

4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

on the results of the eleventh annual meeting of the parliamentary conference of the EEC/AASM Association (Abidjan, 27 to 29 January 1975)

*The European Parliament,*

— having regard to its resolutions of 20 January 1965<sup>(1)</sup>, 11 March 1966<sup>(2)</sup>, 15 March 1967<sup>(3)</sup>, 22 January 1968<sup>(4)</sup>, 4 March 1969<sup>(5)</sup>, 12 March 1970<sup>(6)</sup>, 17 May 1971<sup>(7)</sup>, 17 March 1972<sup>(8)</sup>, 6 June 1973<sup>(9)</sup> and 15 March 1974<sup>(10)</sup>,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 498/74),

1. Endorses the conclusions reached by the parliamentary conference of the EEC/AASM Association and set out in the resolutions adopted by it on 29 January 1975 and in its declaration and recommendation adopted on the same day;

2. Considers that the tenth annual report on the activities of the Association Council clearly demonstrates that the work of the EEC/AASM Association has led to a genuine strengthening of commercial, financial and technical cooperation between the partners, in accordance with the objectives of the second Yaoundé convention;

3. Notes with satisfaction that, following the solemn appeal made to them by the Abidjan parliamentary conference, the negotiators of the EEC and the ACP, thanks to a sincere political will to reach an agreement equitable to all, successfully concluded their negotiations;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No 20, 6. 2. 1965, p. 281/65.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No 53, 24. 3. 1966, p. 778/66.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No 63, 3. 4. 1967, p. 975/67.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No C 10, 14. 2. 1968, p. 5.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No C 41, 1. 4. 1969, p. 5.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ No C 40, 3. 4. 1970, p. 43.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ No C 35, 3. 6. 1971, p. 5.

<sup>(8)</sup> OJ No C 36, 12. 4. 1972, p. 42.

<sup>(9)</sup> OJ No C 49, 28. 6. 1973, p. 25.

<sup>(10)</sup> OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 62.

4. Points out that, in an international context at present characterized by confrontation, the EEC is proposing to its future African, Caribbean and Pacific partners a wide-ranging form of cooperation, based notably on the right to and the assurance of fairer prices for primary commodities;
5. Considers that the joint institutions of the existing association and notably the parliamentary conference and its Joint Committee have exemplified the passing of the age of colonialism, and hopes that these institutions will remain a token of fruitful cooperation conducted in a spirit of solidarity and equality between all the partners;
6. Hopes that the industrial cooperation provided for in the new convention will be carried out jointly with the representatives of the various socio-professional groups of the EEC and ACP, and will thus lead to a better international division of labour agreed upon freely by all concerned;
7. Expresses its pleasure at the excellent atmosphere which prevailed at the conference, and which resulted in frank and constructive discussions in the presence of observers from the associable States, who were able to see for themselves the open way in which all problems concerning relations between the industrialized and developing countries were tackled;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Presidents of the Parliaments of the Associated African States, Madagascar and Mauritius and to the members of the parliamentary conference of the association.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation on the common organization of the market in eggs
- II. a Regulation on the common organization of the market in poultrymeat

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 372/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 468/74),
- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation establishing a procedure of consolidation (Doc. 203/73),
- having regard to the report on that proposal drawn up by Mr Memmel (Doc. 46/74),
- having regard to the proposals for the consolidation of legislative texts relating to the common agricultural policy contained in the Commission's memorandum on the improvement of the common agricultural policy (Doc. 251/73)
- having regard to the report on that memorandum drawn up by Mr Scott-Hopkins (Doc. 337/73),

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 156, 10. 12. 1974, pp. 31 and 38.

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposals, which consolidate existing Regulations;
2. Wishes to make clear that the approval of these measures to achieve greater clarity is not intended as a judgement on their content;
3. Notes that no additional amendments have been introduced to the two Regulations concerned in the course of the re-drafting of the existing basic Regulations and amendments;
4. Urges the Commission to draw up consolidated texts in other sectors covered by the common agricultural policy;
5. Insists that the European Parliament be consulted on any future proposals for the codification and consolidation of 'basic Regulations' in the agricultural sector;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation laying down conditions for applying protective measures in the market in pigmeat
- II. a Regulation on the common organization of the market in pigmeat

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 382/74),
- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation establishing a procedure of consolidation (Doc. 203/73),
- having regard to the report on this subject (Doc. 46/74),
- having regard to the proposal for consolidation of the instruments of the common agricultural policy, formulated in the memorandum from the Commission on the improvement of the common agricultural policy (Doc. 251/73),
- having regard to the report on this memorandum (Doc. 337/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 469/74),

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 156, 10. 12. 1974, p. 44.

1. Approves the Commission's proposals, while noting for the sake of clarity that this approval does not relate to the content of the provisions;
2. Supports the efforts of the Commission, by means of consolidation of the texts, to increase certainty in the law and to facilitate the application of Community agricultural legislation for those concerned;
3. Stresses the necessity for a procedure to be followed, in regard equally to future proposals for consolidation of Community legislation, such that the European Parliament is consulted;
4. Points out that amendments have been made to the proposed basic Regulations which are in some instances changes of a purely formal nature and in others relate to Regulations that are now obsolete; the content of the text, however, remains unaffected;
5. Regrets, furthermore, that the list of texts of existing Regulations that have been incorporated is far from complete and does not give a clear overall picture of the consolidated texts, thus substantially hindering a proper assessment of this proposal;
6. Urges the Commission to press ahead with this work of modifying Community legislation in other sectors of the common agricultural policy, though without in any way departing from the principle — essential for scrupulously accurate consolidation — of identity of the material content of the new text and of existing texts;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the exemption from taxes on importation of small consignments from third countries of goods of a non-commercial nature

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 451/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 482/74),
  - (a) appreciating the desirability of a liberal and harmonized approach to the fiscal treatment of the consignments in question,
  - (b) noting that the budgetary consequences are not of major significance,
  - (c) recognizing that the proposal represents the partial extension to certain non-commercial consignments coming from third countries of concessions accorded to similar consignments moving between Member States,

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 18, 25. 1. 1975, p. 6.

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal;
2. Regrets that the Council has handled until now proposals of this nature in a tardy fashion, and urges that the present proposals be adopted at an early date;
3. Asks the Commission to report to it on the working of the analogous arrangements in regard to the exemption for goods contained in the personal luggage of travellers;
4. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation providing for exemption from duties and charges on importation in respect of goods sent by a private person from a third country in small consignments of a non-commercial nature to another person living in the customs territory of the Community

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 461/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 482/74) and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs,
  - noting that the implications for the revenue of the budget of the Communities are not of major significance,
1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal;
  2. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 24, 1. 2. 1975, p. 11.



## RESOLUTION

on the protection of the rights of the individual in the face of developing technical progress  
in the field of automatic data processing

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the communication of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. SEC(73) 4300),
- having regard to the interim report of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 487/74),
- having regard to Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure,

1. Considers that a Directive on 'individual freedom and data processing' is an urgent necessity, not only to ensure that Community citizens enjoy maximum protection against abuses or failures of data processing procedures, but also to avoid the development of conflicting national legislation;
2. Gives its approval to the establishment of a special committee of members of the European Parliament which shall be authorized to examine this problem and to consider proposals relating to:
  - (a) the methods of gathering personal information stored in data banks,
  - (b) the right of the individual to see and dispute the stored information,
  - (c) the desirability of applying common standards to private and national data banks,
  - (d) the prevention of unauthorized access to and use of stored information,
  - (e) the control of dissemination of information contained in data banks,
  - (f) the effective application of sanctions for infringement of individual privacy,
  - (g) such related matters as may be thought relevant;
3. Recommends that:
  - (a) this committee should be composed of nine members including a chairman and a rapporteur and that it should be provided with adequate secretarial services,
  - (b) this committee should, on completion of its preparatory studies, invite written representations from interested parties and proceed to public hearings of relevant expert witnesses at such place as this committee may deem opportune, and report;
4. Invites the cooperation of the Commission and of all other interested bodies in the preparation and presentation of evidence to this committee;
5. Urges the Commission in the light, of the special committee report, to give early attention to the preparation of a Directive designed to protect the individual Community citizen from abuses in the storing, processing and dissemination of personal information by means of automatic data banks in both the public and the private sectors;
6. Invites its President to attend to the implementation of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this resolution;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States restricting the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 238/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 394/74),
1. Considers the Commission's proposal a useful and necessary instrument for achieving better, more effective protection of public health and the environment;
  2. Endorses the Commission's view that this proposal represents a necessary complement to existing Directives in the field of dangerous substances and preparations;
  3. Therefore welcomes the fact that the Commission, having regard to the dangers of certain substances for public health and the environment, has drawn up this proposal with a view to complete harmonization;
  4. Urges the Commission also to investigate whether the procedure for adapting the Annex to the Directive in the light of technical progress, namely through the Committee on Dangerous Substances, represents the ideal situation for ensuring the smooth functioning required both to eliminate technical barriers to trade and to protect public health and the environment;
  5. Demands once again the dangerous substances and preparations intended for export to third countries be clearly labelled as such, so that an effective check may be kept on whether the provisions of the Community Directive are being observed;
  6. Requests the Commission to examine as soon as possible other dangerous substances and preparations and, where appropriate, to include them in the Annex to this Directive;
  7. Notes with satisfaction that this proposal meets, within the time limits set, a demand formulated both in the programme of action on the environment and in the Council resolution on industrial policy;
  8. Requests the Commission, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty, to make the following amendments to its proposal;
  9. Requests its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission of the European Communities adopts the European Parliament's amendments to its proposal and, if necessary, to report on this matter;
  10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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(1) OJ No C 126, 17. 10. 1974, p. 33.

## RESOLUTION

on Petition No 8/74: 'Save the migratory birds'

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Petition No 8/74: 'Save the migratory birds',
- deeply concerned at the sharp decline in the numbers of migratory birds, particularly since 1968,
- having regard to the need to preserve the ecological balance in Europe and Africa,
- considering the urgent need for Community action to protect birds from mass extermination,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 449/74),

1. Having examined Petition No 8/74 pursuant to Rule 48 (3) of the Rules of Procedure, notes that it falls within the sphere of activities of the Communities and is therefore admissible;
2. Points out that the European Parliament has on a number of occasions raised the question of the protection of migratory birds from mass destruction;
3. Regrets, however, that it has not yet proved possible to solve this problem;
4. Is deeply concerned at the threat of extinction to our migratory birds;
5. Observes that the decimation of these birds is partly attributable to the wider use of chemical insecticides, as this has drastically reduced the birds' natural food sources;
6. Emphasizes, however, that as a result of the decimation of these birds, which are known to provide natural control of the insect population, the application of chemical insecticides will have to be intensified to prevent man, animals and plants from being exposed to these pests without protection;
7. Emphatically warns, however, for this reason, against the dangers to human health and the natural environment from blanket chemical pest control;
8. Considers that the problem of the mass slaughter of migratory birds during their passage through a State's territory must be examined as soon as possible in international law, since migratory birds should be regarded not as 'res nullius' but as 'res communis';
9. Accordingly declares Petition No 8/74 well founded;
10. Invites the Commission and the Council to make strong representations to those States which have still taken no action in this sector, urging them to issue without delay specific regulations on the protection of wild animals and the environment;

11. Further urges the Commission and the Council to give the protection of birds in the Community due priority over less pressing environmental protection measures and — possibly in cooperation with the steering committee of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)<sup>(1)</sup> — to propose and adopt in the near future practical measures for the protection of migratory birds, to include particularly:

- (a) a general prohibition on the trapping of birds with nets,
- (b) a shorter season for hunting migratory birds by other means,
- (c) a general prohibition on cruelty to captured birds,
- (d) a strict prohibition on the importation into the Community of dead song birds and migratory birds and import controls in the case of live birds;

12. Is, moreover, convinced that the study which the Commission instructed the 'Zoologische Gesellschaft von 1858' to make on the whole question of the protection of migratory birds provides a sound basis for immediate concrete measures by the Commission and the Council at Community level;

13. Does not consider it possible, therefore, to call at an early date an international conference on the protection of migratory birds, since time is too short and immediate action imperative;

14. Stresses that once introduced the Community Regulations must be enforced as completely as possible by comprehensive controls and suitable penalties and follow-up action against offenders;

15. Further recommends all positive measures to protect birdlife such as:

- the creation of bird reserves in which hunting is generally banned,
- the preservation of certain species of birds and the creation of suitable breeding grounds, and
- the safeguarding of a healthy environment;

16. Urges the Commission to promote international action by appropriate initiatives and negotiations so that conventions can be signed on the protection of migratory birds and song birds;

17. Asks the Commission to inform world opinion about the problem of migratory birds and the measures taken to protect them in order to make the general public aware of the environmental implications and urges the Council immediately to release the relatively modest funds required for this publicity campaign;

18. Asks its responsible committee to follow closely the actions taken by the Commission and the Council in the field of bird protection and to keep it duly informed thereof;

19. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities and also to the authors of the petition.

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(<sup>1</sup>) United Nations Environment Programme.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1052/73 on the supply of sugar to UNRWA as food aid pursuant to the Agreement with that Agency of 18 December 1972

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 2269 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 474/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 494/74),
  - having regard to previous resolutions and reports,
1. Considers that the commitments entered into by the Community to deliver sugar to UNRWA as food aid pursuant to the Agreement with that Agency of 18 December 1972 must be honoured;
  2. Notes with regret that the invitations to tender in 1974 were unsuccessful and that the 6094 metric tons of white sugar were not available on the Community market on normal terms;
  3. Therefore agrees that the Community should make these purchases on the world market and recommends that the appropriate budgetary allocations be made;
  4. Also calls on the Commission, however, to make the necessary purchases on the most advantageous terms possible;
  5. Desires, on humanitarian grounds, that full account be taken of the urgency of the proposed measures, since UNRWA has already been forced to reduce its sugar aid by half and will have to discontinue supplies at the end of the year;
  6. Agrees that Article 1 (1) of the aforementioned Regulation should be amended accordingly, particularly since the Community is virtually the sole supplier of sugar to UNRWA;
  7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the committee's report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to UNRWA.

## RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down general rules for the supply of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to Somalia

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 29 fin./B),
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 484/74),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 495/74),
  - in view of reports that the food situation in Somalia has recently become even worse,
  - having regard to earlier resolutions and reports,
1. Approves the proposal from the Commission to form a reserve stock of 2000 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder as food aid for Somalia, which is threatened with famine, and agrees with the Commission that the skimmed-milk powder should be supplied to that country according to its needs;
  2. Agrees that if the amounts of skimmed-milk powder in stocks held by the intervention agencies are insufficient, the necessary quantities shall be obtained by purchase on the Community market;
  3. Requests the Commission, however, to ensure that if such purchases become necessary they will not disturb the Community market;
  4. Agrees in general that a tendering procedure should be provided for, so that the skimmed-milk powder can be supplied at the lowest possible price; if this is not practicable, Parliament also agrees, however, that on humanitarian grounds and in view of the enormous food deficit, supplies may be procured by adopting a different procedure;
  5. Urges the Commission to do all in its power to ensure that the skimmed-milk powder is delivered not just to Somalia but to its actual destinations in that country, so that the aid reaches those in need, particularly in view of the fact that in certain African ports substantial food stocks are held up by transport and financing difficulties;
  6. Takes this opportunity to point out again that, in addition to deliveries of skimmed-milk powder and greater efforts to provide food aid, other measures must also be taken to restore the ecological balance in this country stricken by drought;
  7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Somali Government.

## RESOLUTION

amending the resolution of 11 March 1974 concerning the number and membership of parliamentary committees

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 37 of its Rules of Procedure,
- considering that in the present circumstances it would be useful to strengthen the parliamentary bodies responsible for questions connected with the associated Mediterranean countries,

Has decided:

1. To set up an Associations Committee, with 35 members, which will be responsible for all relations with all associated Mediterranean countries and which will appoint from among its members delegations to the Joint Parliamentary Committees;
2. To amend the resolution of 11 March 1974 accordingly, with effect from 11 March 1975.

## RESOLUTION

on the computer centre

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its decision of 9 May 1973 requesting the submission of a report on the problems affecting the functioning of the computer centre and setting up a committee of inquiry to seek a constructive solution to these problems with the Commission,
- having regard to the work of the Subcommittee on the Budget of the Communities (control of implementation) entrusted with this task by the Committee on Budgets at its meeting of 13 July 1973,
- having regard to the report from the Commission of the European Communities forwarded to this subcommittee of Parliament on 30 September 1974,
- having regard to the statements received and the information obtained by the rapporteur on behalf of the Subcommittee on the Budget of the Communities (control of implementation); whereas data processing is a new technique destined to play an increasingly important role in administration; having regard to the need to move towards optimal utilization of data-processing equipment,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 486/74),

1. Stresses that the smooth running of the centre is of prime importance in view of developments in data processing and its increasing role in the administrative work of the Community;
2. Recalls its own concern, when adopting the budget for the 1975 financial year, that the Commission should be endowed with the necessary staff and appropriations to improve the Community's computer system <sup>(1)</sup>;
3. Notes with satisfaction the steps taken by the Commission to remedy the centre's operating problems and believes that these measures can give practical effect to the desire for improvement felt by those responsible for the centre; notes in particular among these measures:
  - the reform of analysis and programming units,
  - the establishment of a management committee,
  - the establishment of a 'utilization' department at the centre;
4. Believes that the Commission's efforts at improvement could usefully follow the main recommendations reached by the subcommittee, in particular:
  - functional unity of the computer centre,
  - unified authority, management and responsibility in defining and implementing the Community's data-processing policy,
  - clarity in the budget concerning the use of appropriations earmarked for data-processing activities;
5. Requests the Commission to forward to the parliamentary subcommittee responsible the documents at present being drawn up concerning:
  - the future organization of the centre,
  - the development plan for the centre,
  - the detailed estimates of foreseeable requirements of appropriations and staff for the financial years 1976 to 1978;
6. Requests the Commission in addition to forward to the parliamentary subcommittee responsible: (1) a detailed account of appropriations provided for in the 1975 budget for developing the Community's data-processing activities as regards estimated expenditure on staff (salaries and training), equipment (computers, other equipment, supplies), premises (hiring and upkeep), expenditure on program design and implementation, external contracts, etc.; (2) an annual activity report giving details of the use made of appropriations and the utilization ratio of the data-processing equipment;
7. Instructs the subcommittee responsible to follow, particularly through information provided by the Commission, the process of renewing the centre's data-processing equipment;
8. Hopes that the Commission will continue its efforts to promote the essential coordination of the activities of the various Community institutions on data-processing equipment and operations and instructs its subcommittee to follow the progress of this coordination;
9. Recalls the importance of the proposals put forward by the special committee of inquiry in the light of Parliament's increased powers of control over Community expenditure;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> In its amendments to the draft 1975 budget, Parliament increased certain appropriations for computer activities, totalling 877 480 u.a.; these amendments allowed:

- the creation of 30 extra posts for the computer centre (Amendment No 40),
- an increase in appropriations for the centre (Article 224) of 447 000 u.a. (Amendment No 36),
- an increase in appropriations for the ECDOC programme (Article 226) of 100 000 u.a. (Amendment No 37).



## RESOLUTION

on Petition No 3/74 by Mr Barel on the protection of the Mediterranean

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Petition No 3/74 <sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 386/74),
  - noting that the petition falls within the scope of the Communities' activities,
1. Draws the attention of the Community institutions to the danger which the high level of pollution in the Mediterranean presents to the flora and fauna as well as to the peoples living along its shores;
  2. Stresses its appeal <sup>(2)</sup> to the competent Community bodies to introduce a convention to combat marine pollution in the Mediterranean from land-based sources through harmonization of the legislations of the States concerned and the setting up of an information bank;
  3. Hopes that the Council of the European Communities will shortly approve the proposal for a Directive on the limitation of discharges into the sea of titanium dioxide waste and of all other similarly polluting substances;
  4. Believes that the establishment of any really binding rules on discharges into the Mediterranean must be accompanied by measures ensuring that the competitive balance between firms is safeguarded;
  5. Gives due credit to the efforts being made by certain industries to purify polluting substances;
  6. Instructs its President to forward the text of Petition No 3/74 to the Commission of the European Communities, and this resolution and the report of its committee to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> Bulletin of the European Parliament No 10/74, p. 13.

<sup>(2)</sup> Doc. 197/74.

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