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RESOLUTION
on the African policy of the Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the lack of unity between the Governments of the nine Member States on the date of recognition of the MPLA Government in Angola,
 - having regard to the declaration of the foreign ministers of the nine Member States of 23 February 1976,
1. Wishes the Community's African policy not only to confine itself to economic aspects but also to be guided by general political considerations;
 2. Reaffirms its rejection of racist policies which may, among other things, result in interference from outside;
 3. Condemns all interference by other states in Africa;
 4. Calls on the institutions of the European Communities to draw political conclusions from the present situation.
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RESOLUTION
on direct elections to the European Parliament in 1978

The European Parliament,

- in anticipation of the meeting of the European Council on 1 and 2 April 1976,
1. Calls on the Council to take, at this meeting, the final decision allowing elections to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage in 1978 on the basis of the Convention adopted by Parliament in January 1975;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities
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RESOLUTION
supplementing the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Brugger on the Community of stability
and growth

The European Parliament,

1. Points out with concern that the goals of a Community of stability and growth announced by the Council on 22 March 1971 and laid down in the EEC Treaty, namely:
 - simultaneity of and equal priority for adequate economic growth, full employment and stability,
 - aid in cases structural and regional imbalances,
 - a greater contribution by the Community to international economic and monetary cooperation,have been called into question by the Council's irresoluteness since 1974 and by changes in economic conditions inside and outside the Community;

2. Refers to the Council's decisions of 22 March 1971, which it approved, on the establishment of an economic and monetary union, namely:
 - to achieve the fourfold freedom of movement of persons, goods, services and capital without distorting competition or giving rise to structural or regional imbalances,
 - the creation within the international system of an autonomous currency area with a Community central banking system,
 - to organize the administration of the union, which would take the required economic policy decisions at Community level and assign the necessary powers to the Community institutions;
3. Urges the Council to regard the present situation of rising unemployment, inflation and balance-of-payments deficits and of disparities threatening the cohesion of the Community as a sufficient reason for harmonizing the economic and monetary policies of the Member States through suitable short- and medium-term measures, making full use of the provisions of the EEC Treaty;
4. Hopes that, following the publication of the report by Leo Tindemans on European union, which draws attention to the lack of effective, practical agreement on the means by which to arrive at a common economic and monetary policy, the Commission will shortly submit proposals to the European Parliament and the Council for the economic and monetary policy measures needed for the restarting and functioning of an economic and monetary union;
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 on the establishment of a European Community Institute for Economic Analysis and Research

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 on 21 October 1975 (Doc. 325/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 560/75),
1. Recognize the need to provide at Community level for the analysis of economic, monetary, industrial and social questions currently arising from the process of European integration and for research into longer term issues affecting the development and policies of the European Community;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 258, 11. 11. 1975, p. 2.

2. Accepts the proposal of the Commission for the establishment of a European Community Institute for Economic Analysis and Research;
3. Endorses the recommendation that studies undertaken for agencies other than the European institutions should not constitute more than 20 % of the work of the Institute;
4. Accepts the value of the independent status of the institute under the constitution proposed by the Commission, particularly in regard to its functions in conjunction with other independent institutions;
5. Accepts the Commission's proposals for the constitution of the Management Board with the proviso that the number of members nominated by the Commission should be increased to three (the European Investment Bank should not be represented) and that members of national governments or of the Commission should not be eligible;
6. Recommends that the appointment of the director should be made by the Management Board on the advice of the Commission;
7. Asks that the annual report should be presented to Parliament as well as to the Commission and that all reports of the institute should be available to members on the date of publication;
8. Considers that the Community lacks the regular statistics on economic, monetary and social matters which are essential for accurate and up-to-date assessment of short-term trends, and calls upon the Commission to extend and improve radically its statistical services;
9. Welcomes the intention of the Commission to study the 'Europe + 30' report and to make appropriate recommendations for action in due course, but judges that the establishment of the institute should not be delayed;
10. Recommends that the seat of the institute should be a city where adequate data-processing facilities are readily available, where contacts with Community capitals and with other institutions with comparable interests can readily be arranged, and where adequate social and educational facilities are available to assist recruitment of staff;
11. Approves, therefore, with the above reservations, the Commission's proposal and requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty.

RESOLUTION

on the research programme concerning the Dragon project and the continuation of high temperature metal work (primary circuit)

The European Parliament,

- referring to its previous resolutions on research in the extraction of hydrogen and nuclear fusion,
 - having regard to the Commission's proposals for an extension of the Dragon project until 31 December 1976 to allow implementation of a programme aimed at fully exploiting the results obtained so far and continuing the high temperature metals work,
 - considering that these proposals offer the possibility of deriving maximum benefit from the work done in over 15 years of cooperation, and of obtaining important data on certain programmes currently in progress in the Joint Research Centre, such as the hydrogen extraction and high temperature materials programmes,
 - considering that the sudden termination of the Dragon project on 31 March 1976 can only discredit European cooperation in the energy research field,
1. Regrets that it was not possible to extend the Dragon project on the basis of the Commission's original proposal, particularly in view of the negative effects which this is bound to have on essential progress in the utilization of new energy sources;
 2. Considers the continued retrieval and evaluation of data and the completion of the final report to be essential, because the positive results of this work will have a considerable effect on future projects in the sphere of high temperature reactor research, so important for the energy policy, especially where the Community is cooperating with major third countries;

3. Urges the Council of Ministers to signify in good time its agreement to an extension of the Dragon project until the end of this year and at the same time to approve the programme submitted by the Commission;
4. Further invites the Council, in contrast to its attitude hitherto, to take no future decisions to close down research projects before all possibilities for their continuation have been thoroughly examined and exhausted and before the European Parliament has given its opinion on the basic premises of a corresponding policy;
5. Thanks the Commission for its efforts, to secure the continuation of the Dragon project;
6. Protests that in this particular case the decision to close down the project, while formally taken by the Council, was in actual fact taken by its permanent representatives;
7. 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 on the granting of a conversion premium in the wine sector

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 Articles 42 and 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 333/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 540/75).
 - referring to its previous resolution on the Commission proposals for a revision of Community regulations on the wine market ⁽²⁾,
1. Reaffirms the need for all Community measures in the wine sector to be incorporated in an overall plan for the reform of the entire organization of the market;

2. Considers therefore that this proposal should also be regarded as an integral part of the package of measures in this sector, and should be dealt with simultaneously with them;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 249, 30. 10. 1975, p. 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 179, 6. 8. 1975, p. 36.

3. Approves in principle the present proposal but has to express a certain number of reservations;
4. Invites the Commission to take account of the following observations and to amend its proposal accordingly, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
5. Recalls that previous Community measures for the grubbing-up of fruit trees and the voluntary slaughter of cattle did not produce satisfactory results and made very little impact;
6. Regards as purely theoretical the Commission's forecast that this measure will affect 120 000 hectares of vineyards;
7. Takes the view that the undertaking to be given by producers wishing to benefit by the premium that they will not plant vines for a period of 10 years on the parcel grubbed-up and will not replant for a period of three years in the remaining part of the vineyard constitutes a serious handicap to the estate and business mobility of the land in question and an obstacle to that land reform policy that should be a principal factor in rationalization of production, to which all national plans and Community structural directives are directed;
8. Requests the Commission therefore to reduce the duration of the 10-year ban on replanting in the grubbed-up parcel and to delete from its proposal the general three-year ban on replanting in the entire holding;
9. Regrets that no suggestions at all are made in the proposal as to alternative forms of production for which the grubbed-up vineyards might be used and considers that some information in that respect, together with practical incentive measures, would have been more effective than the premium system proposed;
10. Points out in this connection that a high degree of fragmentation is generally a feature of wine-producing holdings within the Community and that this makes it difficult to start growing other crops such as would afford the producers the same guaranteed income as wine;
11. Considers that in relation to investments and loss of income the amount of the premium is entirely inadequate to make winegrowers willing to grub up their holdings;
12. Proposes therefore that this premium should be considerably increased or that a higher ceiling should be fixed below which the amount of the premium to be paid would be calculated on the basis of objective criteria such as current income, age of vineyard, level of investments and cost of grubbing-up.

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 in respect of the fat content of full-cream milk

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 Articles 42 and 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 413/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 541/75),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission has set up detailed investigations into the possible effects of harmonizing the fat content of full-cream milk at 3.50 % on price formation, consumer habits, and the taste and nutritional value of the milk;
3. Suggests that the Commission should submit proposals in the near future to accelerate harmonization of the other quality standards for milk;
4. Requests the Commission to lay down transitional rules to permit the continued use on a temporary basis of existing containers made of glass or other materials indicating the different fat content or bearing an old designation;
5. Invites the Commission to report to the European Parliament by 1 January 1978 at the latest on the repercussions of the present proposal on the consumption of milk.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 282, 10. 12. 1975, p. 11.

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 amending Council Directive 75/271/EEC of 28 April 1975 on the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of the Directive 75/268/EEC (France)
- II. a Directive on the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (French overseas departments)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 18 fin. and COM(75) 693 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 523/75 and Doc. 498/75),
 - 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. 549/75),
- Approves the Commission's proposals.

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 Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables

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 the EEC Treaty (Doc. 483/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 551/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 16, 23. 1. 1976, 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 summer time arrangements

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 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 530/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport and the opinion of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 559/75),

1. Regrets the intention of certain Member States to introduce summer time on different dates with complete disregard for circumstances in other Member States and especially for cross-frontier passenger and goods traffic, including that involving third countries;
2. Therefore welcomes the Commission's proposal that for the next three years a certain date and time should be set for the beginning and end of summer time, since this represents a first step towards uniform summer time arrangements in the Community;
3. Requests the Commission, however, to make a thorough investigation without delay of the possible drawbacks of the introduction of summer time for international passenger and goods traffic within the Community and, on the basis of its findings, to submit appropriate supplementary proposals to the Council as soon as possible;
4. Also considers it desirable for negotiations to be conducted at the earliest possible date with third countries, particularly Austria and Switzerland, which are extremely important for intra-Community transport, in order to prevent disturbances in traffic between these countries and the Community;
5. Reserves the right, when dealing with future proposals, to discuss the summer time arrangements and their effect on the transport sector in greater detail and to put forward a more exhaustive opinion;
6. Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 36, 17. 2. 1976, p. 6.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive relating to the approximation of Member States' legislation concerning mayonnaise, sauces derived from mayonnaise and other emulsified condiment sauces

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 552 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 411/75),
- 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. 532/75),

1. Recognizes that the Commission had to amend its original proposal for a Directive ⁽¹⁾ following the enlargement of the Community from six to nine Member States;

2. Would refer, however, to the resolution of 20 January 1971 ⁽²⁾ which it adopted on the basis of a report by Mr Adams and in which it declared *inter alia* that:

(a) when Community Regulations on foodstuffs are drawn up, due account must be taken of the need to protect the population against the health risks arising from the use of dangerous additives in the manufacture of foodstuffs and to protect the consumer against errors and deception resulting from false or inadequate information on the packaging;

(b) the consumer should be able to ascertain the composition and actual value of products from adequate, accurate and reliable data on the packaging and so make a fully informed choice about what to buy;

3. Insists once again that manufacturers should be required to give the requisite details on the packaging of products for the information of the consumer at least in the language of the country to which they are consigned for sale, so as to avoid errors and misunderstandings likely to have serious consequences;

4. Calls upon the Commission to ensure, in cooperation with the national manufacturers' and consumers' associations, that consumers are adequately informed about the various existing Regulations and the significance of the 'E' mark for the identification of products that meet the Community Regulations;

5. Requests also that the Commission amend its proposal in such a way that minimum quantities are prescribed for the use of the most popular flavouring agents and other ingredients in emulsified condiment sauces, so as to protect the consumer and ensure that the Directive is uniformly applied;

6. Calls once again on the Commission actively to promote the harmonization of foodstuffs legislation and, in particular, finally to submit the long awaited proposal for an 'across-the-board Directive' on the packaging and labelling of foodstuffs;

7. Considers it essential that the sampling methods and the methods of analysis necessary for checking the composition of emulsified sauces and manufacturing data are determined by the date on which the Directive enters into force at the latest, so as to ensure effective control over the application of the Community's provisions in the interests of consumer protection;

8. Stresses that effective implementation of the provisions of the Directive can be guaranteed only if the Commission prevails upon the appropriate national authorities to carry out thorough checks and impose strict penalties for infringements of the Regulations;

9. Calls upon the Commission to keep itself informed of the latest results of research into the use of glutamates as flavour enhancers in emulsified condiment sauces and, if necessary, to make appropriate amendments to its proposal so as to be sure that dangers to health are avoided;

10. Asks the Commission to adopt the following amendments to its proposal, in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 18, 12. 2. 1970, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 11, 5. 2. 1971, p. 35.

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 arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 31/fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 528/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 536/75),

Approves the proposal for a Regulation concerning the definitive entry into force of the rules relating to the products concerned with effect from the date of entry into force of the Lomé Convention.

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 69/74/EEC on the customs warehousing procedure, Directive 69/75/EEC on free zones and Directive 71/235/EEC on the usual forms of handling which may be carried out in customs warehouses and in free zones

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 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 409/75),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 553/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 284, 12. 12. 1975, p. 5.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the Agreement extending the provisions governing the first stage of the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Agreement extending the provisions governing the first stage of the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 238 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 564/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 12/76),

Approves the Agreement.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive for a fifth amendment to the Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the colouring matters authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

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 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 479/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 533/75),

1. Welcomes in principle the Commission's initiative, which is intended to reduce the number of colouring matters authorized for use in the Community by nine substances which were unanimously declared by the experts consulted to entail risks for human health, since they no longer met present-day requirements;

2. Recalls in this connection the principle it has repeatedly espoused, namely, that colouring matters should only be authorized for use in foodstuffs if:

- (a) scientific research has shown them to present no risk to health, and
- (b) their use is essential on technological and commercial grounds;

3. Therefore urges the Council to forthwith so amend the Directive of 23 October 1962 ⁽²⁾ so that the use in foodstuffs of these nine colouring matters which may entail risks to health is prohibited with immediate effect, since the principles laid down in point 2 are not met;

4. Considers it imperative for the Commission, in accordance with the preliminary programme of the European Economic Community of 14 April 1975 for a consumer protection and information policy ⁽³⁾, to submit in the near future proposals for Directives stipulating a general requirement to identify colouring agents in foodstuffs;

5. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty.

(1) OJ No C 16, 23. 1. 1976, p. 2.

(2) OJ No 115, 11. 11. 1962, p. 2645/62.

(3) OJ No C 92, 25. 4. 1975, p. 1.

RESOLUTION

on the possibilities and limits of a Community policy to promote the liquefaction of coal for the purpose of manufacturing synthetic fuels
The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 407/75),
- having regard to 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 ⁽¹⁾,
 - on appropriate medium- and long-term measures for the further alleviation of the energy supply crisis in the European Community ⁽²⁾,
 - on the need for, and possible features of, a Community policy to promote the production of gas from coal ⁽³⁾,
 - on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council entitled: 'Energy for Europe: Research and Development' ⁽⁴⁾,
 - on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for programmes of research and development actions in the field of energy ⁽⁵⁾,
 - on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a resolution on the objectives of a common energy policy ⁽⁶⁾,

1. Is aware that the Community might not become significantly independent of imported mineral oil by 1985;
2. Reaffirms its view, therefore, that only close cooperation between all the industrial nations within the framework of the OECD and also with the oil-exporting countries, with each side respecting the other's interests, can help to solve the problems facing both sides, provided that the Community speaks with one voice;
3. Considers it imperative, therefore, for the Community's dependence on imported energy to be reduced not only by intensifying the utilization of its own sources of energy, but also by improving the exploitation of imported crude energy and by saving energy, it being essential that the Community adopt the required legal acts as a continuation of those already adopted;
4. Considers it necessary in this connection for Community legal acts to be further developed to favour the stockpiling of crude oil and mineral oil products because the observance of such acts will considerably strengthen the position of the Community and of the Member States;
5. Requests that all measures be taken which may benefit the substitution of imported mineral oil, it being essential that technological, economic and tax policy means be employed and provision made for other sources of energy to be utilized;
6. Urgently calls for the intensification of research in these fields and for Community support for such research, provided that coordination is effected through the Commission;

7. Calls on the Commission:

- (a) to shape its future energy policy proposals to accord with the requirements and limits described in this report,
- (b) to make available the required funds for research into and the financing of pilot plants for the liquefaction of coal and also, where appropriate, the improvement of methods of producing light fuels from residual oils,
- (c) to encourage coordinated cooperation between the organs of the Member States and the industries in this sector to ensure optimum success;

8. Calls on the Council to grant the Commission, through the broad application of Article 95 of the ECSC Treaty and Article 235 of the EEC Treaty, powers in those sectors of such a policy for which the Community appears to have no responsibility at present, since otherwise the objectives of the European Economic Community, as set out in the Treaty, can no longer be achieved because of the fundamental importance of a Community energy policy;

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 112, 27. 10. 1972, p. 32.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 60, 13. 3. 1975, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 55.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 76, 7. 4. 1975, p. 28.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No C 155, 9. 12. 1974, p. 71.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No C 76, 7. 4. 1975, p. 30.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the Protocol laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 238 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 8/76),
- recalling its resolutions of 9 February 1971 on the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta ⁽¹⁾ and of 18 December 1975 on recent developments in the Community's Mediterranean policy ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinions of the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 16/76),

1. Welcomes the conclusion of a Protocol laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Malta which will expand economic and trade relations between the two parties and extend the scope of their cooperation;
2. Stresses that this extension represents furthermore renewed progress in working out an overall Community Mediterranean policy, the implementation of which it has always encouraged;
3. Requests the Community authorities to take the necessary measures for the advance implementation of the trade provisions of the above Protocol;
4. Feels that matters to be covered in the second stage of the 1970 Association Agreement should be defined at an early date so as to permit *inter alia* the creation of a customs union between the parties;
5. Regrets that the regular contacts with the Maltese Parliament provided for in the Annex to the 1970 Agreement have not yet been established and declares its willingness to take all steps to facilitate the establishment of such relations;
6. Considers that the appropriations to finance special loans and non-refundable aid to the Republic of Malta must be specifically mentioned in an appropriate entry in the Community budget after their adoption by the budgetary authority under the general procedure for authorizing expenditure; reserves the right, should the Council object to their entry, to take recourse to the conciliation procedure;
7. Asks for the annual results of financial cooperation to be communicated to it for consideration at the same time as to the Association Council;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Government and Parliament of the Republic of Malta.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 19, 1. 3. 1971, p. 14.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 7, 12. 1. 1976, p. 36.

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 authorizing certain systems of catch quotas in the fisheries sector

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. 14/76),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 57, 11. 3. 1976, p. 6.

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 28/76),
 - having regard to the communication of the Commission on the problems created by the granting of national catch quotas in the framework of international fishery commissions (COM(73) 433 fin.),
 - having regard to the Communication of the Commission on the problems which the introduction of economic zones of 200 miles poses for the Community in the sea fishing sector (COM(76) 59 fin.),
 - having regard to the importance of a Community fish conservation policy to the creation of a viable fishing industry.
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Believes that a Community system for the administration of fish catch quotas must be implemented in the near future.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation setting up a temporary system of aids to private storage of certain protein products

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. 539/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 35/76),

Calls on the Commission to withdraw its proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 55, 9. 3. 1976, p. 4.

RESOLUTION

on problems of EEC transit traffic through Austria and Switzerland

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 500/75),

1. Points out that the relative geographical situation of the Republic of Austria and the Swiss Confederation on the one hand, and the Community on the other, creates close links between these countries and the Community in the transport sector;
2. Welcomes the existence of traditionally good relations between these two countries and the Member States in the international transport sector;
3. Deplores the fact that, as a result of the still fragmentary nature of the Community's transport policy, contacts with these two countries have until now covered only limited questions, which has necessarily reduced the prospects of improvement;
4. Notes that the communication from the Commission to the Council on the development of the common transport policy (Doc. 226/73) and the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾ delivered on the basis of the report drawn up by Mr Mursch on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 215/74) will provide the Community with a common basis for discussion in negotiations with third countries on transport questions, as soon as the Council of Ministers has adopted a position;
5. Calls for new and better contacts to be established as soon as possible with a view to providing information to Austria and Switzerland, thus enabling these two countries to adjust in good time to impending transport policy changes in the Community territory, and in order to enable the Community to take the fullest possible account of the wishes of these countries regarding the future development of the common transport policy.
6. Calls for permanent cooperation to be introduced as soon as possible for the entire Alpine region in respect of the planning of new communication networks and the improvement of existing rail and road systems;
7. Calls for a general effort to eliminate the periodic congestion in transalpine rail traffic and to promote cooperation, especially in the tariff sector, between the railways of the Community, Austria and Switzerland;
8. Calls for a general effort to close the gaps in the motorway network and for more cooperation in matters of road transport tariffs, transit cards, and harmonization of the social and technical requirements for road transport; in this connection draws attention in particular to the need to improve frontier formalities applying to freight transport at the Austro-Italian border;
9. Proposes that a conference on Rhine navigation be organized for the purpose of clarifying, in good time, the relationship between the future common inland waterways policy and the Mannheim revised Rhine Navigation Act of 1868, especially with regard to the charging of infrastructure costs;
10. Further proposes that the Community should already at this stage join Austria in preparing the measures to be adopted when the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal is opened in a few years' time;
11. Points out that before the Community makes its proposed changes to its policy of transport by pipeline, air and sea, and to its seaport policy, it must consult Austria and Switzerland in good time, since these changes may have major repercussions on their foreign trade and on regional planning throughout the Alps;
12. Urges the Council and Commission to take the necessary action without delay;
13. 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 ambassadors to the Community of the Republic of Austria and the Swiss Confederation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 127, 18. 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 on the financial provisions applying to the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training and to the 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 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council on 29 October 1975 (Doc. 353/75),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 18/76),
- (a) in view of the fact that the Community, in order to achieve its objectives in the fields of the improvement of living and working conditions and to put into practice an effective common policy in the field of vocational training, has established a European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions and a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training;
- (b) recalling that both these institutions are separate from the Commission's services and enjoy the most extensive legal capacity accorded to legal persons;
- (c) aware, however, that the Regulations establishing these bodies impose considerable restrictions on their independence *vis-à-vis* the Commission, and in particular, that the system of subsidies leads to their effective financial dependence; and that, moreover, their budgetary management is supervised by the Commission's financial controller;
- 1 Approves the Commission's efforts to maintain budgetary unity;
 2. Recognizes the need, in certain cases, to decentralize the administrative structure of the Community in order to increase the adaptability and effectiveness of its activities;
 3. Again emphasizes the inviolability of its budgetary powers and rejects all restrictions on its right to exercise them except where imperative to the efficiency of the Community;
 4. Rejects, in particular, a form of autonomy that would lead to the effective transfer of powers from the budgetary authority to the Commission;
 5. Requests the Commission to adopt the following amendments, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

(1) OJ No C 283, 11. 12. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the European social budget

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 647 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 480/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 38/76),
1. Endorses the Commission's proposal as a useful initiative in connection with the final drafting of the European social budget;
 2. Regrets, however, that, because of the Council's attitude, the first European social budget (revised text) has not yet been submitted to the European Parliament and insists that this should be done as soon as possible;
 3. Expresses the hope that the summary and forecasts of social expenditure and its financing contained in the communication may prove an important instrument in efforts to harmonize the social systems in a progressive manner;
 4. Requests the Commission to process statistics relative to the social sector in the regions of the individual Member States with a view to identifying and endeavouring to eliminate any disparities, so that all citizens living under the same conditions may enjoy the same rights.

RESOLUTION

on elections by direct universal suffrage to the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- recalling the draft Convention on elections by direct universal suffrage to the European Parliament which it adopted on 14 January 1975 ⁽¹⁾,
- recalling the resolution on direct elections to the European Parliament which it adopted on 11 March 1976 ⁽²⁾,
- recalling that at its meeting of 10 December 1974, the European Council itself decided that elections by direct universal suffrage should be held in 1978,

1. Regrets the failure of the European Council to respond to its resolution of 11 March 1976, which called upon it to take on 1 and 2 April 1976 the final decision to hold direct elections on the basis of the draft convention;
2. Nevertheless welcomes the decision of the European Council to confirm that elections by direct universal suffrage should be held in May or June 1978;
3. Emphasizes strongly its opinion that the final decision on the draft convention should now be taken in the shortest possible time in order to enable suitable arrangements to be made in Member States for elections to be held in May or June 1978;
4. Affirms its opinion that the principles adopted in the draft convention as the basis for determining the number and distribution of seats remain valid and strongly urges the Council of Ministers to base their decision upon them;
5. Urges that, in view of the delay in arriving at a decision on the draft convention, the European Parliament should now be consulted under the concertation procedure as discussions in the Council of Ministers proceed.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 32, 11. 2. 1975, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 79, 5. 4. 1976, p. 27.

RESOLUTION

on the present state of the Euro-Arab dialogue

The European Parliament,

- convinced that constructive cooperation between the European Community and the Arab world is in the interests of both sides inasmuch as peace — particularly in the Middle East — can thereby be brought about and steadily consolidated,
- in view of the exchange of views conducted thus far within the framework of the Euro-Arab dialogue and its proposed continuation at the higher political level of the 'General Commission',

1. Notes with satisfaction that the participants in the Euro-Arab dialogue have succeeded, at the preparatory technical stage, in setting up the organizational infrastructure needed if the dialogue is to be fashioned into an instrument for cooperation and the balancing of interests;
2. Hopes that the continued dialogue will now usher in negotiations producing concrete and well-balanced results in the fields of finance, agriculture and industry, technology and energy and cultural affairs;
3. Affirms that the success of the dialogue depends on a solution being found to the political problems which will permit an effective contribution to peace, allowing all the States of the Middle East -- including the State of Israel -- to live within secure frontiers recognized by all parties;
4. Hopes that in the context of the Euro-Arab dialogue particular attention will be paid to the principle of non-discrimination and that actual or threatened boycott measures will not be tolerated;
5. Calls upon the European Community organs engaged in the Euro-Arab dialogue to ensure that the principles and content of the common commercial policy of the European Communities and the existing formulations of a common overall Mediterranean policy are not watered down but, rather, strengthened;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States of the European Communities.

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,

- anxious to continue and step up its activities as regards the protection of the rights of the individual,
- aware of the legitimate concern of the public at the risks of misuse or abuse of information stored in regional, national or international data banks,
- having regard to the many draft laws already submitted in several Member States of the Community,
- aware of the need to guard against the adoption of conflicting national laws,
- recalling its debates on the Communication from the Commission to the Council on a Community data-processing policy ⁽¹⁾,
- recalling its resolution of 21 February 1975 ⁽²⁾,

1. Invites the Commission of the European Communities to take steps to ensure that the collection of data and information intended as a basis for the drafting of Community legislation in this field is brought to a conclusion under its authority;
2. Instructs the Legal Affairs Committee to report to it on Community activities to be undertaken or continued with a view to safeguarding the rights of the individual in the face of developing technical progress in the field of automatic data-processing.

⁽¹⁾ OJ report of proceedings No 179, July 1974, p. 55.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 60, 13. 3. 1975, p. 48.

RESOLUTION

on a resolution of the Council of the European Communities comprising an action programme in the field of education ⁽¹⁾

The European Parliament,

1. Welcomes the fact that the first Community resolution on this subject was adopted by the Council of the European Communities on 10 December 1975;
2. Regrets that the final version of the resolution was not available until 9 February 1976, i.e. two months after the meeting of the Council;
3. Expresses surprise that the title of the resolution also refers to the 'Ministers of Education meeting within the Council' which reduces its Community status and its scope;
4. Notes the Council's willingness to achieve European cooperation in the field of education;
5. Believes, however, that this cooperation should lead eventually to a genuine Community education policy within the framework of the European Community;
6. Welcomes the fact that an Education Committee has been set up, as a standing body, consisting of representatives of the Member States and of the Commission;
7. Requests that the Education Committee's reports should be forwarded to the Parliament;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 38, 19. 2. 1976, p. 1

8. Notes more generally that the measures included in the programme are essentially concerned with studies, research and exchanges of information between experts and those responsible for education;
9. Believes that in order to achieve closer equivalence between educational systems and the free movement of schoolchildren and students, the content of education in the different States should be examined with a view to cooperation, but that decisions on curricula should be left in the hands of those already responsible in the various Member States;
10. Expresses its appreciation of the proposed plans for the collection of information and up-to-date statistics; feels in this respect that the Commission should use and coordinate the research and educational documentation work carried out by other bodies in so far as it concerns the Member States of the Community;
11. Expresses its satisfaction at the proposals to protect the rights of higher education teachers and research workers employed in other Member States and believes that these proposals will help the free movement of higher education staff;
12. Calls for a thorough investigation into equality of opportunity as regards admission to universities and other higher education institutions and restrictions on the numbers of students admitted;
13. Feels that the proposals concerning the relationship between education and the employment of young people are highly general and should be supplemented by specific measures which should not, however, be geared too much to one particular occupation since in periods of severe unemployment this could lead to bleak employment prospects after training;
14. Hopes that at its next meeting the Council will also discuss the measures proposed by the European Parliament for the reform of the European schools;
15. Requests the Commission to keep it regularly informed of work in progress and provide it with all the necessary information to assess the financial effects of the proposed measures;
16. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the draft annual accounts of the European Parliament for the 1975 financial year (1 January to 31 December 1975)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 19/76),

1. Points out that:
 - (a) the appropriations available for the 1975 financial year amounted to 41 597 229 units of account;
 - (b) 2 895 112.02 units of account had been automatically carried forward from the 1974 financial year to the 1975 financial year pursuant to Article 6 (1) (c) of the Financial Regulation;
2. Notes:
 - (a) that the commitments of expenditure entered into up to 31 December 1975 for the 1975 financial year amount to 39 688 435.78 units of account;
 - (b) that the payments made in respect of the 1975 financial year by 31 December 1975 amount to 36 516 769.94 units of account;

- (c) that the sums still unpaid at the close of the 1975 financial year amount to 3 171 665·84 units of account;
 - (d) that the corresponding appropriations are automatically carried forward pursuant to Article 6 (1) (c) of the Financial Regulation;
3. Decides that:
- (a) the unused appropriations of 490 724·76 units of account automatically carried forward from the 1974 to the 1975 financial year shall be cancelled pursuant to Article 202 of the EEC Treaty;
 - (b) the uncommitted available appropriations for 1975 amounting to 1 908 793·22 units of account shall be cancelled;
4. Defers its final decision on the discharge in respect of the 1975 financial year (to be taken pursuant to Rule 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 report of the ECSC Auditor for the financial year 1974

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the ECSC Auditor for the financial year 1974 (Doc. 195/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 550/75),

I. Quality of the report of the ECSC Auditor

1. Notes with satisfaction that the structure and contents of the auditor's report increasingly meet the wish of Parliament that this report should contain not merely a collection of data enabling it to check the accounts, but also a summary on the basis of which it can engage in political considerations and exercise parliamentary control over the financial operations of the ECSC;
2. Emphasizes that because this report has been forwarded within the time limit laid down in the Financial Regulation, Parliament is now in a position to exercise its control over the financial operations of the ECSC in a continuous and permanent manner; the assessment of the past financial year's financial operations is in fact available to it at the same time as it is considering the operational budget and the rate of the levy for the next financial year;

II. Special observations

(a) *Income from the levy*

3. Insists that the number of checks at undertakings, already increased in 1975, should be still further increased, since it regards this as an important precondition for the effectiveness of the supervision system of direct control of ECSC income, which it considers exemplary;

(b) *Expenditure for rehabilitation*

4. Appreciates the fact that the Commission is in future to submit regularly to the auditor, the details of decisions to grant assistance for rehabilitation as and when they are taken; considers that this is a precondition for the exercise of the auditor's control activities;
5. Proposes, in order to allow the most effective possible evaluation of the results of on-the-spot checks, and the most rational use of aid, that these checks should also provide occasion for an investigation of the economic context of the operations covered by such checks;

(c) *Expenditure for technical and social research*

6. Thanks the auditor for the special attention he has given to the auditing of this expenditure during the past two years;

7. Urges the Commission to further step up its efforts to shorten to a minimum the time which elapses between the submission of applications for research grants and the decision by the institution;

8. Also urges the Commission, in view of the remarks of the auditor, to ensure that the required coordination between the financial and technical departments is further improved; insists that the Commission should obtain financial and technical reports from the beneficiaries within reasonable time limits, thus enabling the accounts of a research project to be definitively closed and that the results achieved with the aid granted should be made available to the auditor; draws attention also to the advantage of carrying out on-the-spot checks at a time when the results are still of some topical use in the implementation of agreements;

(d) *Administrative expenditure*

9. Insists that the maximum amount of 18 million units of account laid down under the Merger Treaty of 1967 as the ECSC's contribution to the administrative expenditure of the Community institutions should be paid in the same currencies as the national levy contributions and in the same proportions.

(e) *Borrowing, lending and guarantee operations*

10. Notes with satisfaction that the auditor has made no special remarks on these important operations (600.6 million units of account) for borrowing operations and (404 million units of account) for loan operations in 1974;

11. Considers, for its part, that these operations must develop in the spirit and in compliance with the criteria which would necessarily apply if these borrowing and loan operations were included in the budget;

(f) *Centralization of accounts*

12. Agrees with the auditor that for the purpose of the auditing of the ECSC's operations, the centralization of accounts must be aimed at; notes that the Commission recently acted to this end by adopting its Decision of 30 April 1975;

13. Requests the auditor, even before the European Court of Auditors is set up, to devote part of his next annual report to an assessment of external auditing, as practised in respect of the Coal and Steel Community for 20 years;

14. Is convinced that a summary of these measures, which are highly appreciated by Parliament, will provide a valuable basis for the work of the European Court of Auditors which is due to commence its activities in the near future.

III. Important data on the 1974 financial year

15. Notes that:

a) expenditure totalled 155 041 077 units of account, which breaks down essentially as follows:

— service of borrowings and guarantees:	97 017 178 units of account.
— 'budgetary' expenditure:	57 189 408 units of account,
including:	
— rehabilitation:	9 524 765 units of account,
— research:	19 312 834 units of account,
— administrative expenditure:	18 496 749 units of account,
— other expenditure:	834 491 units of account;

(b) income breaks down as follows:

— service of loans and guarantees:	103 313 757 units of account,
— from the levy:	69 587 874 units of account,
— revenue from bank accounts and portfolio, contributions from the new Member States, etc.:	48 896 291 units of account;

16. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to 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 concerning the supply of sugar to UNRWA as food aid pursuant to the Convention with that agency

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 103 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 42/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 43/76),

Approves the proposal for the delivery of 6 153 metric tons of sugar to the UNRWA in each of the years 1975/76, 1976/77, 1977/78 pursuant to the Convention with that agency.

RESOLUTION

on Community participation in the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

The European Parliament,

— recalling its resolution of 14 November 1975 on the outcome and consequences of the World Food Conference and on the Community's position as regards a world food policy ⁽¹⁾,

1. Notes with amazement that although it has been discussing this question since 13 October 1975, the Council of the European Communities is still not able to adopt a position on Community participation in the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD);
2. Condemns the lack of political resolve on the part of the Council and the Member States which conveys the impression that they are ignoring the serious and urgent problem of increasing food production in the developing countries;
3. Points out that the United States and the OPEC countries have already committed themselves to participation in IFAD and fears that the attitude of the Community and the Member States might have serious economic and political consequences, particularly in the context of the North-South Conference;
4. Consequently invites the Community and its Member States to take as soon as possible, but not later than the month of May, a positive decision so that the Community does not exclude itself permanently from IFAD;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Council.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 280, 8. 12. 1975, p. 65.

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 certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 programme

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 (Doc. 4/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 23/76),
 - having regard to the fact that the food situation has continued to deteriorate in many countries of the Fourth World in recent years,
 - having regard to its earlier resolutions,
1. Approves the Commission's proposal to make available 55 000 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 food-aid programme;
 2. Believes that this quantity should be increased to 200 000 metric tons and regrets that the European Parliament has not yet been consulted on the Council's decision of principle to increase the food aid to this level;
 3. Reserves the right to return in depth to the question of food aid in the form of skimmed-milk powder, with particular reference to the question of its permanent character, as soon as it is formally consulted by the Council, and requests the Commission to make proposals for a programme of greater quantity as soon as possible;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities and to the World Food Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 70, 25. 3. 1976, p. 3.

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 259/68 laying down the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities and the conditions of employment of other servants of the Communities

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 (Doc. 391/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 515/75), and the supplementary report (Doc. 37/76),
1. Draws attention to the essential role played by the European public service in the construction and development of the European Communities;
 2. Approves the modification of the conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities which basically allows for a greater mobility of research staff, which is also determined by decisions on programmes, while providing for the abolition of existing discrimination against the establishment staff and local staff categories of the JRC;
 3. Takes note of the Commission's statement to the effect that the modifications proposed will be restricted to the conditions of employment of other servants of the Communities, and that within the framework of these conditions of employment the acquired rights of the staff currently in employment will be safeguarded;
 4. Recommends that it be emphasized that the new conditions of employment proposed for staff remunerated from research appropriations shall not under any circumstances constitute a precedent for the European public service and invites the Commission to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 284, 12. 12. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of the Community tariff quota for certain wines, falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Cyprus (1976)

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. 499/75),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 34/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 21, 30. 1. 1976, 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 2051/74 of 1 August 1974 on the customs procedure applicable to certain products originating in and coming from the Faroe Islands

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 Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 3/76),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 36/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 60, 16. 3. 1976, p. 2.

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 18 October 1971 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement

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 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 471/75),
- having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 563/75),

1. Notes that this proposal for a Directive contains the necessary adjustments to the Council Directive of 18 October 1971 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement ⁽²⁾, pursuant to the provisions of Article 29 of and Annex I to the Act of Accession;
2. Considers that the system to be applied after the entry into force of the Directive will facilitate intra-Community trade and will benefit consumers;
3. Shares the concern of the Commission of the European Communities that over-rapid harmonization might have detrimental effects in some Member States, both economically and administratively;
4. Approves therefore the progressive harmonization proposed by the Commission;
5. Approves also the solution of total harmonization adopted by the Commission, since it considers that satisfactory results could not be achieved in this field by optional harmonization.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 20, 29. 1. 1976, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 243, 29. 10. 1971, p. 29.

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 2506/75 laying down special rules for the importation of products in the wine-growing sector originating in certain third countries

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. 525/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 60/76),

approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 30, 10. 2. 1976, 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 Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the wine market, and the Common Customs Tariff as regards the exchange rates applicable to customs duties on certain wines

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. 40/76),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 61/76);

approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 76, 1. 4. 1976, p. 5.

RESOLUTION

on aid to small- and medium-sized undertakings

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the importance of small undertakings to the Community,
 - noting that the Commission does not give sufficient attention to the implications of many of its proposals for small undertakings,
1. Considers that the Commission should pay special attention to the small- and medium-sized undertakings in its programme on industrial policy;
 2. Thanks the Commission for the steps it has already taken and invites it to investigate the position of small- and medium-sized undertakings and to report to Parliament on the results of this investigation;
 3. Regrets that the Council has still not taken any decision on the proposals put forward by the Commission and invites it to do so as soon as possible;
 4. Instructs its Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to follow developments in this field.

RESOLUTION

on the need for a Community policy on the reprocessing of irradiated fuels and materials

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy and Research (Doc. 69/76),
- recalling its previous resolutions;
 - on the establishment of a Community network for the definitive storage of radioactive waste ⁽¹⁾,
 - 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 ⁽²⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 4, 14. 2. 1973, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 19, 12. 4. 1973, p. 42 and OJ No C 55, 13. 5. 1974, p. 25.

- 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) ⁽¹⁾,
- on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on a programme of radioactive waste management and storage ⁽²⁾,
- on the conditions for a Community policy on the siting of nuclear power stations taking account of their acceptability for the population ⁽³⁾,

1. Emphasizes that, in view of the planned expansion in nuclear energy and the fact that according to present estimates, there will be a shortage of irradiated nuclear fuel reprocessing capacity in the early 1980's, the Community must contribute to the solution of this problem, taking advantage of existing technical and economic structures and those in the process of formation, and utilizing the ways and means provided for in the Euratom Treaty;
2. Insists that a satisfactory nuclear power development policy must be accompanied by a parallel effort to develop and improve reprocessing technology;
3. Recalls that the function of the irradiated fuel reprocessing plant is to extract and recover such products as plutonium and uranium for re-use as nuclear fuels, especially as certain plutonium isotopes are particularly long-lived and using them as fuel in reactors is an elegant way of disposing of them;
4. Keenly hopes therefore that the utmost efforts will be made to ensure that the creation of the necessary reprocessing capacity is not subject to further delays;
5. Believes that industry in the Community should be encouraged to build or extend reprocessing plants meeting the existing requirements and managed according to economic criteria, as is being done in the field of uranium enrichment;
6. Is of the opinion that the reprocessing of irradiated nuclear fuel is essential to reduce the amount of radioactive waste and to have available in future the plutonium needed to fuel fast breeder reactors; while the cost of extracting the uranium and plutonium is important, it cannot be the decisive factor;
7. Emphasizes at the same time that, in view of the difficult supply situation on the world uranium market, advantage must be taken of any means of saving uranium by reprocessing nuclear fuel;
8. Recognizes the need for reprocessing plants to be designed in such a way that, with the development of reactor types at present on the market, they can also be adapted to progressively modified fuel cycles or to completely new ones;
9. Urges the continuing development of complementary technologies such as the vitrification and final disposal of radioactive waste, which cause the least possible harm to the environment;
10. Considers it expedient to start building new plants before the end of the decade, since available and planned reprocessing capacity in the Community will theoretically cover the Community's needs for fuel processing up to 1981; any introduction of large-scale plants must be carefully programmed and coordinated not only at Community but also at European level; Europe would thus take on an important role in this field;
11. Considers it desirable to reduce the number of reprocessing plants to an optimal minimum and to locate them close to suitable atomic waste final disposal centres and plutonium fuel element factories so that an adequate security service can be provided for all of them, in view of the fact that they produce plutonium and of the dangers involved in transport;
12. 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 93, 7. 8. 1974, p. 80.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 95, 28. 4. 1975, p. 30.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 28, 9. 2. 1976, p. 12.

RESOLUTION

on the conditions for a fresh start in Community research at the Joint Research Centre (JRC)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation and development of the Joint Research Centre, in particular:
 - on the future of the Joint Research Centre and the establishment of a multiannual programme of research and training ⁽¹⁾,
 - on the progress required in Community research and on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 89/74) for a revision of the multiannual research programme ⁽²⁾,
 - on the assessment of the activities of the Joint Research Centre from 1958 to 1972 ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council on the overall concept for the next multiannual research programme of the Joint Research Centre (COM(75) 529 fin.),
 - having regard to the final report of the Committee on Energy and Research (Doc. 49/76),
 - having regard to the explanatory statement to the resolution and with particular reference to it,
1. Points out that Community research undertaken at the Joint Research Centre must fit in with an overall concept of Community research and development policy, of which it is only one part;
 2. Stresses that the main shortcoming of the present multiannual research programme is that this condition has not been met and that this shortcoming has been aggravated by the incorporation in the multiannual research programme of a large number of diverse projects, leading to a dissipation of effort;
 3. Believes that the future multiannual research programme should be drawn up to suit the interests of the Community which are reflected in the following criteria:
 - (a) the scope of the research should be large enough to justify pooling all intellectual and material capacity at Community level,
 - (b) the subject of the research must be relevant to the Community and, where possible, benefit the public services in the Community,
 - (c) the subject of the research must fall within the framework of Community policy;
 4. Emphasizes the need to concentrate Community research undertaken at the JRC on a limited number of topics which satisfy the criterion of being in the interest of the Community;
 5. Considers that research activities in the energy sector should constitute a central element of the future multiannual programme;
 6. Believes that special consideration should be given to the following factors in the implementation of the future multiannual programme:
 - maximum flexibility, enabling the research to be adapted to suit the results obtained,
 - greater delegation of decision-making, in particular by making non-allocated research appropriations directly available to the JRC,
 - retrospective scrutiny of research activities,
 - greater involvement of the JRC in European research as a whole and consequently improved cooperation between the various European research centres;
 7. Feels that the level of efficiency in Community research is closely linked with a stable social climate within the JRC;
 8. Calls upon the Commission to promote **greater mobility amongst** the scientific staff of the JRC, taking into account both the interests of Community research and the position of the staff concerned;

(1) OJ No C 112, 27. 10. 1972, p. 19.

(2) OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974, p. 85.

(3) OJ No C 95, 28. 4. 1975, p. 6.

9. Approves the idea of a 'sliding programme' put forward by the Commission, in so far as this arrangement assures a smooth transition between two multiannual research programmes;
10. Acknowledges the Commission's efforts to make the JRC more efficient than hitherto, already sees signs of success and hopes that the overall plan that has been submitted will further contribute to this;
11. Calls on the Commission not to relax its efforts and to submit its proposals for the next multiannual research programme, taking account of what is said above, as soon as possible, while paying heed to an appropriate relationship between the resources available and the objectives aimed at;
12. 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 from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the objectives, priorities and resources for a common research and development policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 535 fin.),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy and Research and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 71/76),
- having regard to its earlier resolutions on Community research and development policy, in particular:
 - on a scientific and technological policy programme ⁽¹⁾,
 - on the need for a common policy on technology ⁽²⁾,
 - 'Energy for Europe: Research and Development' ⁽³⁾,
 - on a programme of research and development actions in the field of energy ⁽⁴⁾,

1. Points to the need for the Community to have a research and development policy and to equip itself with the means of implementing it;
2. Considers that the aim of such a policy should be to improve the coordination of research carried out at national level and to help promote and carry out Community projects drawn up on the basis of objective criteria;
3. Believes that the objectives and priorities defined by the Commission are consistent with this aim;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 108, 10. 12. 1973, p. 58.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 108, 10. 12. 1973, p. 60.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 60, 13. 3. 1975, p. 34.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 76, 7. 4. 1975, p. 28.

4. Takes the view that, within the context of these objectives, the implementation of the research projects proposed by the Commission could further the development of common policies and contribute to the definition of new policies;
5. Stresses, however, that the absence of a common industrial policy handicaps the implementation and further consolidation of a research and development policy, especially in the area of advanced technology;
6. Emphasizes that making the JRC, its role and its activities part of the common research and development policy is a step forward;
7. Considers that the submission of detailed budgetary information will enhance the credibility and further the implementation of the research and development policy;
8. Requests the Commission to ensure that Community appropriations are used as effectively as possible and thus contribute fully to stimulating and promoting research and development policy;
9. Warns against the temptation to cut down on national spending as a means of recouping the appropriations earmarked at Community level for the research and development policy as this would nullify the efforts made at this level;
10. Looks to the Commission to establish clear criteria for establishing priorities so that the manner in which the various projects will be carried out (direct, indirect, concerted or coordinated action) may be determined;
11. Requests the Commission to report to it at regular intervals on progress made in the Community research and development policy;
12. Instructs its Chairman to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the earthquake in Italy

The European Parliament,

— horrified at the effect of the earthquake which devastated the Frioul region and profoundly shocked Italy and the entire Community,

1. Expresses its deepest sympathy with the families of the victims and the Italian people as a whole;
2. Invites the Commission and the Council:
 - (a) to make available adequate and effective emergency aid for victims of the disaster,
 - (b) to work out and set up without delay a system of aid which will make a real contribution to the economic recovery of the region affected by the earthquake.

RESOLUTION
on the situation in Spain

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 25 September 1975 on the situation in Spain ⁽¹⁾,
 - reiterating its desire to see Spain join the European Community when it has evolved towards a genuinely democratic regime,
 - acknowledging the efforts already begun along these lines in a difficult political and economic situation, but realizing at the same time that these efforts are still unduly limited and that certain forms of repression are still being maintained,
 - having regard to the report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 100/76);
1. Considers it essential for individual, political and trade union freedoms to be restored and, in particular, for the existence of all political parties to be legalized quickly;
 2. Takes the view that a general amnesty should be granted to all political prisoners and that those in exile should be permitted to return freely to their native country;
 3. Considers that the significance of the general elections promised for the spring of 1977 will depend on these two sets of measures;
 4. Expresses the support of the peoples of the Community for all those in Spain who are striving for a pluralist, independent and free democracy;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the Communities so that they may take the necessary steps along these lines.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 239, 20. 10. 1975, p. 41.

RESOLUTION

on the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Amendola and Mr Ansart, on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, on the threat to the lives of Corvalan and other Chilean political prisoners

The European Parliament,

- recalling its resolutions of 17 October 1973 and 18 December 1975 ⁽¹⁾,
 - considering that, in the face of the situation in Chile, a precise and unequivocal stand should be taken so as to encourage the restoration of freedom in that country,
 - having regard to the report by the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 56/76),
1. Once again vigorously condemns the persistent violation of the basic freedoms and rights of the citizens of Chile;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 95, 10. 11. 1973, p. 17 and OJ No C 7, 12. 1. 1976, p. 33.

2. Reaffirming its own objection in principle to any persecution because of political reasons, appeals to international opinion and to the responsible agencies to secure the right of imprisoned opponents of the regime in Chile to the human and legal safeguards to which, under the Convention of political and civil rights of the United Nations, all prisoners are entitled;

3. Protests against all methods of torture and inhuman penalties in that country;

4. Calls upon the governments of the Member States of the Community and on the Community institutions to take all such measures as may help Chile to return to the path of democracy and freedom and of the respect of the individual and the basic rights enshrined in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

5. Intends to watch developments in Chile, on which it instructs its Political Affairs Committee to report;

6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the parliaments and governments of the Member States, to the Commission and Council of the European Communities and to the Chilean authorities, the Latin-American Parliament and the Organization of American States.

RESOLUTION

on the inter-institutional dialogue on certain budgetary questions

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the inter-institutional agreement reached when the 1976 budget was adopted and with a view to joint consideration of certain budgetary questions,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 97/76),

1. Approves the conclusions reached by the *ad hoc* working party of the Committee on Budgets as set forth in the explanatory statement in this report. They may be resumed as follows:

— the budget must set out all Community revenue and expenditure (including loans and credits relating to financial cooperation with third countries),

— the budget must set out all foreseeable expenditure for the financial year under consideration (thus making supplementary budgets an exceptional occurrence),

— the budget should continue to be produced yearly while allowing for the financing of multiannual projects (notably by means of commitment appropriations),

— the budget should be presented as clearly as possible (by means of clear budget entries and nomenclature);

2. Instructs the Committee on Budgets and its working party to pursue the inter-institutional dialogue in accordance with these conclusions;

3. Firmly hopes that this dialogue will enable the institutions concerned to reach agreement on the main questions before the opening of the budgetary procedure for the 1977 budget;

4. 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 first list of requests to carry forward appropriations from the financial year 1975 to the financial year 1976 (appropriations not carried forward automatically)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the list submitted by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 128),

— having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Article 6 (2) of the Financial Regulation ⁽¹⁾ of the Communities (Doc. 47/76),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 98/76),

(1) OJ No L 116, 1. 5. 1973.

1. Reiterates its view that carry forwards should not be of such an order of magnitude as to have the effect of seriously disturbing the annual budget;
2. Recalls its earlier expression of concern as to the possible danger which the abuse of the carry forward procedure could pose for Parliament's role in the budgetary sphere ⁽¹⁾;
3. Approves the carrying forward of:
 - (a) 20 000 units of account in accordance with Article 6 (1) (b) of the Financial Regulation in respect of Annex I — Economic and Social Committee — to the Council's section of the budget;
 - (b) 124 303 459.31 units of account in accordance with Article 6 (1) (b) of the Financial Regulation in respect of the Commission's section of the budget; and
 - (c) 71 227 243.06 units of account in accordance with Article 6 (5), second paragraph, of the Financial Regulation, also in respect of the Commission's section of the budget.

(1) OJ No C 157, 14. 7. 1975, p. 95.

RESOLUTION

on the fourth financial report on the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, year 1974, submitted by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council and the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the fourth financial report submitted by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council and to the Parliament (COM (75) 396),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 70/76),

- considering that the results set out in the financial report should be assessed in the light of a comparison of the expenditure involved in the common agricultural policy with the gross domestic product of the Communities (0.4%), or with the size of national budgets (2 %),
 - considering that the purpose of this financial report is to provide the budgetary authority with an overall view of the financial and budgetary situation of the Fund without anticipating the control of the definitive results of its management,
1. Finds that the fourth financial report, forwarded for the first time within the prescribed time limit, serves this purpose admirably, thanks to the abundance and quality of the information provided;
 2. Deplores the fact that because of the underdevelopment of other Community policies the share of EAGGF expenditure in the general budget of the Communities once more exceeded 73 % in 1974;

Guarantee Section

3. Believes that expenditure under the Guarantee Section cannot and must not be reduced until the measures to be financed in the social field are taken over by a structural policy, not only in agriculture, but also in social and regional affairs;
4. Notes that the increase in intervention expenditure in the Guarantee Section, particularly in the beef and veal sector, is a result of the impact of the economic situation on world markets and the effects of measures taken by the Council to meet this situation;
5. Considers that the budgetary management of the Guarantee Section should have other objectives than simply adapting existing machinery to changes in the economic situation, and calls upon the Council, in allocating appropriations, to adopt a policy designed to reduce the gaps between producers' incomes in different regions and for different products, and to adjust these incomes to those of other social and professional categories;
6. Deplores the fact that budget estimates do not match actual expenditure, especially as regards the budgetary implications of the agricultural price review;
7. Repeats its proposal for the incorporation of a provisional appropriation in the annual budget, to be definitively allocated during the year by an amending budget;

Food aid

8. Recalls that it would like to see a food aid policy developed independently of the common agricultural policy and therefore questions the wisdom of maintaining links between these two policies;

Guidance Section

9. Regrets once more the small scale of spending under the Guidance Section compared with the Guarantee Section, but notes that the main reason for this imbalance is that the Community bears virtually all the expenditure on markets, whereas the financing of structural policy is essentially on a national basis;
10. Calls for a more active Community structural policy and hopes that more detailed information on this will be given in the next report;
11. Notes the Commission's statements that positive use will be made of the Mansholt Reserve Fund from the beginning of the financial year 1977;

12. Denounces the practice of deciding on the allocation of EAGGF appropriations by regulation and proposes that the financial regulation be modified to permit this allocation to be made with the effective participation of Parliament through a procedure of transfers;

Problems of Community financing

13. Notes that the Member States and the Council bear a heavy responsibility for the regrettable under-use of appropriations allocated to the Guidance Section;

14. Recommends that Community financing be arranged in such a way that it does not impair the principle of the Commission's responsibility for implementing the budget;

15. Notes that the number of unsatisfied applications for aid for individual projects demonstrates that this system of financing, although in theory due to be abolished, is undoubtedly highly popular with beneficiaries;

16. Calls upon the Commission once more to improve the operation of this system, and in particular to ensure that beneficiaries of aid for individual projects do not have to bear the cost of bridging loans until the aid due to them is paid;

Verifications and irregularities

17. Stresses the importance it attaches to the rigorous management of public finances in the Community and hence to effective verification of EAGGF expenditure and to anti-fraud measures;

18. Invites the Commission in particular to make closer checks and improve its readjustment procedures in the Guarantee Section, and to speed up checks on individual projects in the Guidance Section;

19. Welcomes the emerging cooperation between the Commission and national authorities in strengthening the effectiveness of the campaign against frauds;

Final comments

20. Points out that the bulk of EAGGF spending is made by many different national administrations; requests stronger Community action in the departments responsible for payment and controls;

21. Calls upon the Commission to take this strengthening action — which could be extended to other funds — by reconsidering the methods of Community financing, and by increasing the EAGGF staff, so that its departments are in a better position to manage more than 70 % of Community expenditure;

22. 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 crediting of securities, deposits and guarantees furnished under the common agricultural policy and subsequently forfeited

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 on 17 February 1976 (Doc. 531/75),
 - having regard to Articles 43 and 209 of the Treaty establishing the EEC,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 99/76),
1. Approves the basic principle of the proposal from the Commission, in other words the crediting to the Community of securities furnished under the common agricultural policy and forfeited when an operator who has received financial aid from the EAGGF fails to meet his commitments;
 2. Feels that, contrary to what the Commission has proposed, there should be no derogations from this principle and therefore proposes to amend the draft Regulation;
 3. Requests that the sums derived from the crediting of these securities to the Community be entered as revenue in the general budget;
 4. Invites the Commission to adopt the following amendments in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 149 of the Treaty establishing the EEC.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 55, 9. 3. 1976, p. 3.

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 a programme for restructuring the non-industrial inshore fishing industry

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. 438/75),
- having regard to the motion for a resolution concerning incomes in the fishing sector (Doc. 316/75) tabled by Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Corrie, Mr Spicer, Mrs Kellett-Bowman and Mr Jakobsen,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 66/76),
- having regard to the importance of the inshore fishing and associated industries to the continued survival of communities in peripheral regions of the Community,
- having regard to the serious depletion of fish stocks in Community waters,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 6, 10. 1. 1976, p. 2.

- having regard to the greatly increased capital requirements and fuel costs faced by the fishing industry,
- having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 101/76 laying down a common structural policy for the fishing industry,
- having regard to Articles 100 to 103 of the Act of Accession,
- having regard to the fact that Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 101/76 concerning a common structural policy for the fishing industry lays down that common rules should be established for the promotion of the harmonious and balanced development of the fishing industry within the general economy and to encourage the rational use of the biological resources of the sea,
- having regard to the fact that Article 102 of the Act of Accession lays down that from the sixth year after accession, at the latest, the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, shall determine conditions for fishing with a view to ensuring protection of the fishing grounds and conservation of the biological resources of the sea,

1. Notes that the extension of fishing zones to 200 miles by a number of States has created a new situation requiring certain modifications to the Commission's proposal; believes, nevertheless, that the serious situation facing the inshore fishing industry calls for immediate action by the Community to aid this sector, and approves, in consequence, the Commission's proposal subject to the reservations given below, and invites the Commission to come forward in the near future with measures to provide for a coherent fish conservation policy for the Community, including negotiations with other States bordering the Community waters with the aim of controlling fishing within extended fishing zones;

2. Considers that it is essential to maintain a viable inshore fishing industry and to improve its structures, so as to give a reasonable standard of living within the regions concerned and to prevent the depopulation of peripheral regions of the Community;

3. Believes that measures for the restructuring of the non-industrial inshore fishing fleet cannot be divorced from the pressing need to develop a coherent Community policy to conserve fish stocks;

4. Notes that the fishing sector is beset by serious problems of overcapacity, which lead to reduction in incomes and encourages over-fishing of reserves;

5. Considers that the Commission's proposal, in contributing to the development of a more efficient inshore fleet, may contribute to over-fishing, in the absence of an effective and scientifically based Community policy for the conservation of fish stocks;

6. Does not in consequence believe that the provisions of the Commission's proposal will provide sufficient guarantees that resulting increased fishing capacity will reflect the requirements of an effective Community policy for the conservation of fish stocks;

7. Emphasizes that measures to control types of equipment employed by boats, and particularly purse seine nets, constitute an essential element in an inshore fishing policy;

8. Considers that, in order to develop and implement an effective Community stock preservation policy, Community aid should be granted to fisheries research centres within Member States, and that the Commission should propose measures to coordinate the activities of such centres;

9. Stresses the importance of measures to control pollution of the sea, and believes that grants of aid for the culture of fish should be made conditional upon the implementation of adequate pollution control measures within the region concerned;

10. Urges that no aid be granted which could risk decreasing fish for human consumption by increasing fish meal installations, except for those treating trash fish, offal and fish not suitable for human consumption;
11. Believes that the degree of urgency with which action needs to be taken to improve the situation in the inshore fishing industry and to conserve fish stocks, cannot be judged purely in terms of average incomes of Community fishermen recorded at present, but must be considered in terms of the dangers threatening the sole livelihood, and thus the continued existence, of certain regions of the Community;
12. Emphasizes the importance of the contribution that fish farming could make to the economic life of certain less favoured regions of the Community, and in providing a source of protein, but considers that the envisaged appropriations of 1 000 000 units of account for research and vocational training are far too limited to achieve the aims of the proposal;
13. Believes that the Commission should pay greater attention to the question of the marketing of fresh and chilled fish, in view of the very great discrepancies in prices within the Community;
14. Is of the opinion that proposals concerning the non-industrial inshore fishing sector should be drawn up within the framework of a regional policy for the development of the peripheral regions of the Community;
15. Requests the Commission to come forward with the report to the European Parliament and the Council on structures for the fishing industry, provided for in Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 101/76;
16. Stresses the importance of safeguarding the viability of boats less than 12 metres engaged in shell or line fishing in coastal waters;
17. Urges the Council to take a rapid decision on the Commission's proposal concerning conditions for granting national aid under the common structural policy for seafishing;
18. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty.

RESOLUTION

on the motion for a resolution tabled by Sir Brandon Rhys Williams concerning a Community social security system

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Sir Brandon Rhys Williams (Doc. 382/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 89/76),
1. Welcomes, in principle, the initiative of Sir Brandon Rhys Williams concerning a Community Social Security System;
 2. Believes that this is a most important but also a highly complicated and delicate question and should therefore be handled with an overall, long-term solution in mind;
 3. Notes that, though the national systems as a whole can only be harmonized in a very cautious and slow process that demands much thorough preparation, certain areas such as family allowances, pensions and other benefits should be considered in the near future;
 4. Affirms, however, that these initiatives should be based primarily on the discussions which will be taking place within the framework of the conferences on social questions in Europe, so that account can be taken of the views of the representatives of the social partners, who are well informed about the possibility and advisability of taking certain steps at the present time;
 5. Calls on the Commission to set to work without delay, on the basis of the priorities set out in this resolution, on a study of certain specific areas, taking real incomes into account, to make a comparative study of the opportunities for harmonization offered by current legislation in the Member States and to draw up proposals for areas where harmonization would be possible.
 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 the elimination of technical barriers to trade, namely

- for Directives on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to:
 - measuring systems for liquids other than water,
 - the marketing of high nitrogen content ammonium nitrate based fertilizer,
 - the permissible sound emission level for tower cranes,
 - the permissible sound emission level for current generators for welding,
 - the permissible sound emission level for current generators for power supply,
 - check-weighing and grading machines;

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 421/75, Doc. 486/75, Doc. 488/75 and Doc. 489/75),
 - having regard to its resolution of 12 December 1974 on the elimination of technical barriers to trade ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 73/76),
1. Stresses that, if further delays in the elimination of technical barriers to trade are to be avoided, a more streamlined procedure is required which at the same time ensures effective intervention and control by the Community institutions;
 2. Refers in principle to its earlier proposals ⁽¹⁾, in particular those concerning procedure, requiring the Commission to submit systematically outline Directives in accordance with Article 100 of the EEC Treaty for the individual sectors defined in action programmes and, pursuant to Article 155 of the EEC Treaty, to lay down on its own responsibility provisions for their implementation;
 3. Requests the Commission to submit to the Council in the near future a proposal for a simplified procedure along the lines of the abovementioned proposal repeatedly made by Parliament concerning procedure;
 4. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposals, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
 5. Approves the Commission's proposals, subject to the reservations it has made.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 290, 18. 12. 1975, p. 2; OJ No C 16, 23. 1. 1976, p. 4; OJ No C 54, 8. 3. 1976, pp. 44 and 63.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 5, 8. 1. 1975, p. 41.

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 bb) 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 bb) of the Common Customs Tariff

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 pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 529/75),
- having regard to its resolution of 15 May 1975 ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 58/76),

1. Notes with regret that the criticisms it made last year in connection with the opening of these quotas have not all been taken into account, and in particular that the Community bodies responsible have not yet made provision for the harmonization of standards in the veterinary sector;

2. Feels, therefore, that it can approve the proposals of the Commission of the European Communities, but with a strong and urgent reminder of the need to achieve the requisite harmonization of veterinary standards as quickly as possible.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 52, 6. 3. 1976, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 128, 9. 6. 1975, p. 36.

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 permissible sound level and to the exhaust system of motor cycles

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 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 478/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 93/76),
- noting that the Council has not yet adopted the proposed Directive on Community type-approval procedure for motor cycles which was submitted by the Commission to the Council on 24 July 1974, and which forms the juridical basis for the present proposed Directive;
- recalling that it has on a number of occasions stressed the need to limit the applicability of the 'optional' system of harmonization where questions of road safety or environmental pollution are concerned,

1. Calls on the Council to adopt without delay the proposed Directive on Community type-approval procedure for motor cycles;

2. Considers that the optional system introduced in the proposed Directive 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 adopt the following amendment pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 54, 8. 3. 1976, 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 Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the field of vision of motor-vehicle drivers

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 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 485/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 94/76),
- approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 54, 8. 3. 1976, 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 repayment or remission of import duties or export duties

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 in accordance with Articles 43 and 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 496/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 54/76),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Trusts that this proposal for a Regulation will enter into force as soon as possible as it constitutes fresh progress in the building of the Customs Union;
 3. Approves in view of the need to guarantee uniform implementation throughout the Community of the provisions of the proposal under consideration, the proposal to make the Committee on Duty-Free Arrangements responsible for examining any question on the application of the proposed Regulation and for delivering an opinion on the proposals made by the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 54, 8. 3. 1976, p. 85.

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 measures to be taken against the emission of pollutants from diesel engines for use in wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors

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 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 467/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 65/76),
1. Approves the measures proposed by the Commission to reduce the emission of pollutants from diesel engines used in wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors;
 2. Is of the opinion that approval of such engines should be refused and their sale, registration, entry into service and use prohibited if they do not satisfy the requirements laid down in the attached annexes;
 3. Approves of the harmonization of design regulations at EEC level, since this will help to rationalize production, to the advantage of manufacturers and purchasers alike;
 4. Urges the Commission and the Council to replace as speedily as possible the system of optional harmonization by standard Community legislation in all Member States;
 5. Requests the Commission to include in its proposal the following amendments pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 10, 15. 1. 1976, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

on Petition No 8/75 by Mr Barel on the protection of the Mediterranean

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Petition No 8/75 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report by the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions (Doc. 63/76),

⁽¹⁾ Parliament Bulletin No 38/75, p. 17.

1. Is aware of the danger presented by marine pollution, particularly in the Mediterranean owing to the slow renewal of its waters;
2. Considers that this problem cannot be solved at national level but ought to be viewed in a Community and international context;
3. Notes that the proposal for a Council Directive concerning the dumping of wastes at sea ⁽¹⁾, published after the presentation of Petition No 8/75, contains rules which may ultimately satisfy the wishes expressed in the said petition;
4. Urges, in view of the seriousness of pollution in the Mediterranean, that the Council of Ministers adopt, as soon as possible, the Directive ⁽²⁾ proposed by the Commission on waste from the titanium dioxide industry, on which Parliament has already delivered its opinion ⁽³⁾;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council of the European Communities and, for information, to Mr Virgile Barel.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 40, 20. 2. 1976, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 222, 29. 9. 1975, p. 110.

⁽³⁾ See resolution of 13. 1. 1976, OJ No C 28, 9. 2. 1976, 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 on access to the occupation of carrier of goods or of passengers by waterway in national and international transport

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 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 324/75/III),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 1, 5. 1. 1976, p. 31.

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 90/76),

1. Notes with satisfaction that the Council Directives of 1974 on admission to the occupations of road haulage operator and road passenger transport operator in national and international transport operations ⁽¹⁾ are now being supplemented by a similar proposal for inland waterway transport;
2. Considers it desirable, given the close connection between the present proposal and the Commission's proposal for a Directive on mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications for road or waterway passenger transport and goods haulage operators, including measures to promote freedom of establishment, for both proposals to be adopted simultaneously by the Council;
3. Also calls for greater account to be taken of the question of controlling capacity limits in inland waterway transport and urges the Council to take supplementary measures as soon as possible, on the basis of the relevant Commission proposals of 1967;
4. Warns that the adoption by national authorities of widely divergent provisions may lead to a distortion of competition and disturb the transport market equilibrium;
5. Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 308, 19. 11. 1974, pp. 18 and 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 aiming at the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications for road or waterway passenger transport and goods haulage operators, including measures intended to encourage these operators effectively to exercise their right to freedom of establishment

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 57 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 324/75/IV),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 91/76),
1. Welcomes the fact that this proposal aims at an increase in the professional qualifications of operators of passenger and goods transport by road and inland waterway and in the quality of transport services;
 2. Considers it desirable, given the close connection between the present proposal and the Commission's proposal for a Directive on admission to the occupation of carrier of goods or of passengers by inland waterway in national and international transport, for both proposals to be adopted simultaneously by the Council;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 1, 5. 1. 1976, p. 35.

3. Hopes also that greater attention will be given to the question of capacity, particularly of inland waterway transport, and therefore urges the Council to take the necessary supplementary measures without delay, on the basis of the Commission's 1967 proposals;
4. Fears that widely divergent statutory provisions in the Member States may lead to a distortion of competition and disturb the transport market equilibrium;
5. Is of the opinion that the requirements placed on operators to provide proof of their financial standing offer insufficient guarantees;
6. 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.

RESOLUTION
on the situation in Lebanon

The European Parliament,

— stressing its profound concern at the events in Lebanon which for too long now have been causing the death of thousands of people and the breakdown of all productive activity,

1. Expresses its solidarity with and deepest sympathy for the innocent victims of this situation;
2. Deeply regrets that the Community as such has once again proved unable to take concrete steps that might have led to a cease-fire and restored peace;
3. Urges the Council and the Governments of Member States to coordinate their positions and their actions, especially within the UN, so as to put into immediate effect any measure which might prevent the conflict spreading and bring about a return to the peaceful dialogue which alone can lead to an acceptable solution to the current serious problems;
4. Insists that, given the seriousness of the situation, a special meeting of representatives responsible for political cooperation in the Governments of the Member States should be convened forthwith;
5. Urgently calls for emergency measures to provide immediate humanitarian aid to help relieve the suffering of all the victims in Lebanon;
6. Asks its President to forward this resolution to the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Member States responsible for political cooperation and to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION
on the primacy of Community law and the protection of fundamental rights

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 5, 164, 169, 173 and 189 thereof,
- having regard to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights of 4 November 1950 and the Additional Protocol of 20 March 1952, which have been ratified by all the European Community Member States,

- having regard to the decision handed down on 29 May 1974 by the Federal Constitutional Court of the Federal Republic of Germany ⁽¹⁾,
 - recalling its resolutions of 22 October 1965 ⁽²⁾, 10 May 1967 ⁽³⁾ and 4 April 1973 ⁽⁴⁾,
 - considering that the principles on which the fundamental rights guaranteed by the constitutional systems of the Member States rest, constitute a philosophical, political and legal basis common to the Member States of the European Communities,
 - considering that — within the Community system — these principles should be safeguarded against any encroachment in the context of the law-making activities of the European Community institutions,
1. Solemnly reaffirms that, in matters governed by the Treaties:
 - (a) observance of the primacy of Community law over the domestic law of Member States is a condition for the uniform application of Community law and thus constitutes a guarantee of the equality of the citizens of Community Member States before Community law;
 - (b) the Court of Justice of the European Communities is — by the very terms of the Treaty — the sole arbiter of the legality of the Council's and the Commission's acts;
 2. Notes that the Court of Justice of the European Communities has ruled that the fundamental rights are an integral part of the general principles of law, the observance of which is ensured by that Court, drawing inspiration both from the constitutional traditions common to the Member States and from international instruments, in particular the European Convention on Human Rights, for the protection of human rights with which the Member States have cooperated or to which they have acceded;
 3. Emphasizes that, in its judgment of 14 May 1974 ⁽⁵⁾, the Court of Justice declared that it could not uphold measures incompatible with the fundamental rights recognized and protected by the Constitutions of the Member States;
 4. Recalls that under the terms of Article 189 of the Treaty establishing the EEC a Regulation shall have general application and shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.
 5. Finds consequently that the decision of the Federal Constitutional Court of the Federal Republic of Germany, in recognizing the right of national courts to ascertain whether a duly enacted Community Regulation conforms to the national constitutional law on the protection of fundamental rights as defined in the basic law of that State and thus to set themselves up as arbiters of the applicability of a Community Regulation, is contrary to the principle of the independence of the Community legal order and constitutes an infringement of the Treaties;
 6. Invites the Commission to keep a close watch over any developments in the situation created by this decision and to ensure by all available means full compliance with the principle of the uniform application of Community law, in accordance with Article 189 (2) of the EEC Treaty.
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ *Europarecht* (10), p. 150 *et seq.*

⁽²⁾ OJ No 187, 9. 11. 1965, p. 2923/65.

⁽³⁾ OJ No 103, 2. 6. 1967, p. 2054/67.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 26, 30. 4. 1973, pp. 7 and 8.

⁽⁵⁾ *Nold v. Commission*, 4/73, *Recueil de Jurisprudence de la Cour* 1974/4, p. 508.

RESOLUTION

on the role and function of parliamentary control of Community resources and expenditure

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 27 June 1974 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular paragraph 5 thereof, in which it reserved the right to:
‘add to the 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’;
 - having regard to the Treaty of 22 July 1975 amending certain financial provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Communities;
 - having regard to the outcome of the deliberations of the European Council of 1 and 2 December 1975;
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 143/76):
1. Stresses the complementary and inseparable nature of its responsibilities for authorizing and controlling Community resources and expenditure;
 2. Notes that Community control is organized and operates in a wholly unsatisfactory manner and that this causes serious difficulties;
 3. Likewise notes with regret that the Council’s reluctance to draw up Community rules and methods of control is the main cause of the present difficulties;
 4. Considers that its control functions should:
 - (a) be such as to avoid duplicating other forms of internal and external control but instead combine them with a view to drawing political conclusions,
 - (b) cover on a permanent and retrospective basis all Community resources and expenditure,
 - (c) make use of the close and permanent assistance of the Court of Auditors and the help of Community and national administrations,
 - (d) be sanctioned by more frequent application of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation ⁽²⁾ which provides that:
‘The institutions shall take all appropriate steps to take action on the comments appearing in the decisions giving discharge’;
 5. Confirms:
 - (a) its decision to set up — as from the beginning of the 1976/77 session of Parliament — a subcommittee of the Committee on Budgets responsible for supervising expenditure;
 - (b) that this subcommittee shall consist of nine members (with named substitutes) and that the quorum necessary for deliberations shall be three members;
 6. Considers likewise that work connected with the control of the implementation of Parliament’s budget will fall within the subcommittee’s terms of reference;
 7. Also reaffirms that that subcommittee should be granted the powers of information and investigation referred to in paragraph 4 of the same resolution, i.e.:

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 85, 18. 7. 1974, p. 22.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 116, 1. 5. 1973, p. 1.

- (a) the forwarding, both by the Community institutions and by the national authorities, of all documents relating to the implementation of Community expenditure;
- (b) the hearing of officials or experts from the Community institutions and Member States responsible for matters connected with the implementation of Community expenditure;
- (c) the carrying out of inspection visits to the Community institutions and national bodies whose activities are connected with the implementation of Community expenditure;

8. Authorizes the Committee on Budgets and its subcommittee to contact the Council and Commission — as well as the Audit Board and later the future Court of Auditors — in order to consider the legal and practical problems of exercising such powers of control;

9. Instructs the subcommittee to report to the Committee on Budgets and, with the assent of that committee, to Parliament;

10. Considers it necessary to provide the subcommittee with further assistance to enable it to discharge Parliament's additional control responsibilities;

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

RESOLUTION

on the election of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the fact that the Ministers of Foreign Affairs have not been able to fulfil the mandate given them by the European Council in respect of elections to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage,

1. Shares the sincere hopes of all those who saw the election of the European Parliament by universal suffrage as a major contribution to the progress and democratization of the institutions of Europe;
2. Considers it essential that steps should be taken to ensure that the elections can be held on the dates set and earnestly asks the European Council and the Council of Ministers to keep to the formal undertakings given at the 1974 Paris Summit Conference;
3. Asks them to establish the number of Parliamentarians at between 350 and 400, a necessary pre-requisite for a balanced representation of the people and their minorities in the various countries and regions;
4. 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 implementation of the budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 205 of the EEC Treaty and Article 18 of the Financial Regulation;
 - having regard to the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976;
1. Declares that the legally established budget for 1976 must be implemented even in the event of new measures being introduced;
 2. Considers, therefore, that the appropriations set aside under Article 900 of the 1976 budget for non-associated developing countries should be used immediately;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities for information.

RESOLUTION

on the preparation for the Tripartite Conference of 24 June 1976

The European Parliament,

- in an effort to contribute to the success of the second Tripartite Conference,
 - concerned at the evidence that the individual national economies are moving apart, a phenomenon which is accompanied by growing disparities in price and cost trends, the threat of a loss of competitiveness on world markets and a high rate of unemployment,
 - emphasizing the aims developed on the basis of the EEC Treaty for a Community of stability and growth, namely
 - simultaneity and equal importance of satisfactory economic growth, full employment, stability and external economic balance,
 - correcting existing structural and regional imbalances,
 - a greater Community contribution to international economic and monetary cooperation,
 - recognizing the importance of the cooperation of the various social groups for the preservation of what has been achieved and for accomplishing the short- and medium-term economic and social policy tasks facing the Community,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 168/76),
1. Emphasizes that even optimistic versions of medium-term forecasts for the Community Member States take as their point of departure slower growth of productive potential, a continuation of the present relatively high rate of unemployment and a more rapid increase in consumer prices until well into the 1980s;
 2. Notes the Commission's statement that a projection based on the economic development over the past 10 years gives rise to the fear that, unless the democratic forces in the Member States together set the course for the future now, decreasing growth rates, increasing unemployment and an ever tighter inflationary spiral will characterize each successive cycle;
 3. Is convinced that the utmost priority must be given in the foreseeable future to the creation of jobs for all those seeking employment;
 4. Calls on the Community and the Governments of the Member States to pursue an active labour market policy which, to a greater extent than in the past, must be supported by structural and training policies designed to improve mobility from the sectoral, regional and occupational points of view;
 5. Recommends the promotion, in accordance with economic needs, of public and private investment by means of suitable monetary, credit and fiscal supporting policies;
 6. Considers it indispensable for further progress to moderate increases in prices and incomes if economic recovery is to be consolidated and the high level of unemployment reduced;
 7. Reminds the social partners of their responsibility for the development of the economy as a whole in the dispute over their respective shares of the national product;

8. Considers the present unsatisfactory and, in some countries of the Community, dangerous economic situation to be as much attributable to *inter alia* the excessive strain constantly placed on the national product, the disorganized monetary developments in the world, the worldwide disagreements on distribution between the industrial and raw material producing countries and the abrupt and continuing rise in oil prices, as to the Council's lack of political will to achieve an economic and monetary union of the Nine, in which the responsibilities of the governing bodies are such that the necessary economic and social policy decisions can be taken at Community level;
9. Considers that quantitative forecasts, kept permanently up to date and used as a point of reference for the coordination of Member States' economic policies, to be just as necessary as the harmonization, extension and coordinated utilization of the economic and monetary policy instruments available in the Member States;
10. Emphasizes that the macro-economic effects sought in Member States' budgetary policies should be more closely coordinated and that a close watch must be kept to ensure that the guidelines agreed on are observed;
11. Calls for the extension of the European Monetary Cooperation Fund into a Community body which, in addition to carrying out its monetary policy activities, also integrates the Community's credit mechanisms. In this way economic, monetary and credit policies could be brought more closely into line and the difficulties in equalizing balances, which at present adversely affect the Community exchange rate system, could be more easily overcome;
12. Insists, in view of the prevailing regional imbalances in the Community, on more effective action being taken by the Community in the matter of regional policy;
13. Supports the Commission's intention to continue its dialogue with the social partners on how the economies of the Community countries, which are characterized by differing economic and social policy measures from country to country, can come closer to sectorally and regionally balanced inflation-free growth with a high level of employment;
14. Views the Community strategy for full employment and stability proposed by the Commission as a sound basis for an exchange of views, but reserves the right to give opinions on the individual proposals;
15. Calls on the Commission to make use of the Tripartite Conference to increase the understanding of the various social groups for the causes of the difficulties in getting the process of European integration under way;
16. Would regard it as a useful achievement if the Commission succeeded, during the discussions on the measures contained in the 'Community strategy' in considering not only the aims of stability and full employment but also the problems of increased growth and the goal of external economic balance;
17. Asks to be informed of the outcome of the Tripartite Conference and reserves the right to consider them in a report;
18. Instructs its President to forward this resolution together with the oral explanatory statement to the Commission and Council of the European Communities for the preparation for the Tripartite Conference.

RESOLUTION

on

- the guidelines of the Commission of the European Communities for a Community strategy for full employment and stability in preparation for the forthcoming Tripartite Conference
- the document entitled 'Restoring full employment and stability in the Community' submitted in preparation for the Tripartite Conference to be held on 24 June 1976
- the motion for a resolution tabled by Mrs Goutmann und Mr Marras on the crisis in Europe and the Tripartite Conference

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission's guidelines for a Community strategy for full employment and stability in preparation for the forthcoming Tripartite Conference (Doc. SEC(76) 1400),
- having regard to the document entitled 'Restoring full employment and stability in the Community', submitted in preparation for the Tripartite Conference to be held on 24 June 1976 (Doc. SEC(76) 2003),
- having regard to the motion for a resolution (Doc. 565/75) tabled by Mrs Goutmann and Mr Marras on the crisis in Europe and the Tripartite Conference,
- having regard to the third and fifth paragraphs of a letter from Mr Bordu to Mr Spénale (PE 44.520/BUR) forwarded by decision of the Bureau of 27 and 28 April 1976 to the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 160/76),

1. Considers that the Third Tripartite Conference is in principle a step in the right direction and supports it as an effort to achieve tangible and effective results both at national and Community level;

2. Stresses the need for both short-term and long-term programmes and objectives, since employment policy should be used to anticipate and forestall undesirable developments and take corrective and preventive action;

Stresses in particular the urgent need to formulate a new and adequately financed action programme to promote the idea of a progressive Europe among the peoples of Europe as a means of advancing the political integration of the Community;

3. Notes in this connection the constructive proposals contained in the preparatory documents drawn up by the Commission ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾, but is concerned that, although there is general agreement on the unusual extent and dangers of the crisis, there is wide disagreement on its causes and the means for overcoming it;

4. Recalls the work already done by the European Parliament and notes with regret that no significant results have been produced by the opinions and proposals which have for years been the object of debates and reports;

5. Points out that neither unemployment nor inflation occurs by pure chance and that the causes must be uncovered and destroyed and that this must be accomplished at Community level and by the use of flexible, though coordinated, national programmes as well as new Community action based on Article 235 of the EEC Treaty;

⁽¹⁾ A Community strategy for full employment and stability (Doc. SEC(76) 1400) and restoring full employment and stability in the Community (Doc. SEC(76) 2003).

⁽²⁾ See also the documents of the Economic and Social Committee on this subject — CES 238/76 fin., 239/76 fin., 216/76, 376/76, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mrs Goutmann and Mr Marras (Doc. 565/75) Mr Bordu's letter (PE 44.520/BUR) and the action programme of the European Trade Union Confederation for 1976 to 1979 adopted at its congress in London in April 1976.

6. Notes that although the short-term situation is partially cyclical and can thus be expected to improve, the adverse effects of structural and technological deficiencies may well continue to be felt for a longer period, particularly in certain regions;

7. Recognizes, in this context, the need for fundamental discussion of the concept of growth, since while investment in rationalization measures or simply to achieve profitability may result in a constant or rising rate of growth and increased capacity, it also tends to reduce the number of jobs in the sectors or enterprises concerned;

8. Calls attention to the fact that the restructuring of the world economic order called for by the developing countries will oblige the countries of Europe to reform their industrial capacities in view of the target of allocating 25 % of world industrial production to developing countries by the end of this century;

9. Points out in this context that the transfer of technology from the industrial countries to the countries of the Third World will affect the interests of European as well as other workers and therefore calls for control of this transfer by consultation with the European trade unions; notes, moreover, that the responsibility of the social partners as laid down in the Convention of Lomé will be discussed at the special session of the International Labour Organization (ILO) on growth and employment;

10. Considers that with regard to employment and anti-inflation policies, which may be at cross purposes and subject to the influence of other policies, the adverse effects of policy interaction must be overcome, with priority given to employment;

11. Again emphatically calls the attention of those with political responsibility to the fact that the social groups worst hit by unemployment and inflation are those already legally and socially underprivileged in society in general even in periods of favourable economic circumstances, and include migrant workers, women, young people, handicapped persons, the poorly trained and pensioners;

12. Notes in particular that the declarations of intent of Community and national institutions on the role of women appear as a mockery against a background of disproportionate unemployment among women;

Considers that a special long-term effort should be made to eliminate this incongruity, giving women the inalienable right to be permanently integrated into employment with equal opportunities;

13. Agrees that measures taken to overcome the crisis, particularly that of unemployment among young people, would usefully include anticipation of qualitative and quantitative vocational training requirements and bringing them more closely into line with actual needs, but notes that any form of planning for the future of young people must take full account of their long-term well-being, in particular by making provision for paid educational leave;

14. Suggests that the following contributions be made towards resolving the present crisis and preventing its recurrence:

- (a) — more effective cooperation between Community and national institutions and between the Community institutions themselves, together with improved cooperation between the social partners and Community authorities and institutions;
- encouragement of sectoral meetings of equal numbers of employers and employees' representatives at EEC level;
- measures aimed at achieving progress towards economic and monetary union in an effort to prevent further currency manipulations, and strengthening the regional policy;
- a concerted attack on tax evasion, with, the object being, specifically, to acquire funds to finance the measures recommended;
- improvement in the comparability of statistical information, and in coordination between national employment and vocational guidance services;
- increase in the resources available to the European funds (Social and Regional Funds and the EAGGF) and improved coordination of their activities;

- (b) — priority to be given to collective social needs in policy decision-making:
 - special short- and medium-term measures for particularly hard-hit social groups such as migrant workers, female workers, handicapped and self-employed persons and elderly, poorly trained and part-time workers;
 - (c) — harmonization of decisions lowering compulsory and voluntary retirement ages and increasing annual holidays and shortening the working week;
 - creating socio-pedagogical allowances and introducing social infrastructures likely to improve working conditions;
 - regional development, bearing in mind the need to locate undertakings where a workforce is already available, rather than maintain or intensify the movement of workers (both within and across frontiers) to remote places of work;
 - humanizing working conditions (prohibiting unlawful working hours, with a view, in particular, to improving the distribution of available jobs);
 - (d) — real democratic control by both the authorities and workers' representatives of incentives given to private enterprise to promote employment as part of its social function;
 - encouragement of industrial measures in the public sector, in particular to counter structural imbalances;
 - democratic ownership and management of undertakings;
15. Emphasizes that a Community policy can be effective only if its institutions have the necessary instruments and are able to use them; realizes, however, that the corresponding increase in the power of those institutions is acceptable only if they are subject to real democratic control;
16. Stresses once again that a genuine social policy must be the nucleus of European integration and not merely a form of compensation for the adverse effects of economic policy;
17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on future guidelines for the Community's coal policy in the framework of the overall concept of a Community energy policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report from the Commission to the Council on aids to the Community's coal industry experience and prospects (COM(75) 370 fin.) and the Commission's Decision No 528/76/ECSC regarding the Community system of measures taken by Member States to assist the coal-mining industry ⁽¹⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 63, 11. 3. 1976, p. 1.

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy and Research (Doc. 133/76),
- having regard to its earlier resolutions on energy policy, 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 for economic growth, full employment and a forward-looking social policy ⁽¹⁾,
 - on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a resolution on the objectives of the Community energy policy ⁽²⁾,
 - on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities on the 'medium-term guidelines for coal 1975 to 1985' ⁽³⁾,

1. Deplores the fact that despite several basic decisions on a common energy policy taken at the summit conferences and in the European Council and despite proposals from the Commission in line with these decisions, the Council of Energy Ministers has still not yet found the strength of purpose to put this policy into effect;

2. Is of the opinion that the Community's energy supplies are no more secure now than during the 1973/74 crisis;

3. Notes with concern that the Council's determination, repeatedly affirmed and endorsed, to make the Community less dependent on energy imports, is fading increasingly into the background;

4. Reaffirms its view that Community coal constitutes a sound basis for secure energy supplies for the Community, especially as it is becoming increasingly clear that nuclear energy will not produce the quota expected of it by 1985;

5. Again points out that Community hard coal must therefore make a greater contribution than hitherto towards safeguarding energy supplies and that it is capable of doing so subject to certain conditions, the most important of which is a common energy policy;

6. Fears, however, that the Member States are not yet prepared to grant the necessary priority to establishing secure supplies of Community-produced energy;

7. Considers reasonable safeguards for investments in respect of primary energy sources within the Community and the setting up of machinery to deal with crisis situations as a first step towards a corresponding energy policy;

8. Considers that immediate measures to stabilize the market for hard coal, such as were recognized as expedient by the Council in February 1975, are urgently required to maintain present output capacity, this only being possible if profitability is guaranteed in the long term;

9. Has noted, therefore, with concern that despite the increased energy consumption in the first quarter of 1976 in the Community, Community coal output fell in comparison with 1975, coal again had to be stocked at the pithead and the increased consumption was largely covered by energy imports;

10. Approves, for all those reasons, the Community aid system for coal mining, but considers that this must lead to much longer-term measures than in the past;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 112, 27. 10. 1972, p. 32.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 76, 7. 4. 1975, p. 30.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 179, 6. 8. 1975, p. 15.

11. Recommends in the interests of security of supply
 - (a) that the aid system be made obligatory instead of optional,
 - (b) that the effects of aid systems be equitable in order to avoid distortions of competition;
12. Calls on the Commission, in order to ensure equivalent training as far as possible in the various mining areas of the Community, to arrange the system of approval of aid for the training and stabilization of personnel in the mining industry on a more practical basis than hitherto, having regard to specific requirements.
13. Also calls on the Commission to submit proposals for Community measures to encourage the conversion of heavy fuel oil into lighter derivatives, to reduce the throughput and allow coal to provide its proper share of energy supplies;
14. Considers it important under the common energy policy that structural fluctuations in energy supplies should be smoothed out by using other primary sources in order to ensure greater security of supply, but that coal stocks should only be used to damp down fluctuations caused by the economic situation and as an ultimate standby, and considers the build-up of a coal reserve for this purpose as indispensable;
15. Emphasizes, however, the vital need for Community measures that go beyond the ECSC budget because a few Member States cannot be expected to bear the total cost of measures which benefit the whole Community;
16. 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 unfreezing of appropriations entered in certain chapters of the statement of expenditure on research and investment activities in the budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year

The European Parliament,

— having regard to amendment No 11 adopted by the European Parliament during the vote on the draft budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year ⁽¹⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 7, 12. 1. 1976, p. 55.

- having regard to the budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year, and in particular, Chapter 33 of Section III — Commission ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Council Decisions of 15 and 25 March 1976 approving certain research programmes ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 144/76),
1. Authorizes the unfreezing of commitment appropriations to the value of 41 045 747 u.a. and payment appropriations of 20 363 439 u.a. ⁽³⁾ in order to fund research programmes approved by the Council;
 2. Points out that the procedure for freezing appropriations has allowed an accurate annual budget forecast to be made and has obviated the need for a supplementary budget;
 3. Draws attention to the anomaly which arises from the fact that, when dealing purely with a rectifying budget, Parliament may only consider the section concerned with the unfreezing of appropriations but not the transfers section which it is prevented from considering by the current Financial Regulation.
 4. Calls on the Commission to make it clearer in the 1977 preliminary draft budget which appropriations relate to research and investment activities, and invites it to draw on Parliament's proposals on the subject ⁽⁴⁾.
 5. Reminds the Council that, under general Community law, appropriations intended to finance research activities are opened by the budgetary authority in the course of the procedure for adopting the budget, and that the ceilings indicated in the annex to programme decisions are therefore for guidance only.
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 66, 15. 3. 1976, p. 306.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 74, 20. 3. 1976, p. 32 and OJ No L 90, 3. 4. 1976, p. 12.

⁽³⁾ See table appended to explanatory statement.

⁽⁴⁾ Doc. 97/76.

RESOLUTION

on the release of seven category A posts in the establishment plan of the Commission of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the request from the Commission of the European Communities for the release of posts (PE 44.091);
- having regard to the deliberations of its Committee on Budgets;

1. Is in favour of releasing seven category A posts set aside for control functions (one in the Directorate-General for Agricultural Policy; three in the EAGGF 'Guarantee' Section; three in the Directorate-General for Financial Control);
2. As regards the procedure for releasing the 'frozen' appropriations in the annual budget, instructs its Committee on Budgets to consider this question — if necessary after consultation with the other committees concerned — and to notify the President of Parliament of its decision in order that the Assembly, the Council and the relevant institutions can be informed;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to 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 Decision on the continuation of the surveys to be carried out by the Member States on bovine livestock

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. 83/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 124/76);
- approves the Commission's proposal.

(1) OJ No C 94, 27. 4. 1976, 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 statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantations of certain types of fruit trees

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 147 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 95/76),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 125/76);
1. Emphasizes that statistical surveys of fruit trees are essential to bring greater stability to the fruit tree sector and to ensure that Community funds are spent in the most effective manner;
 2. Urges the Commission to supervise the progress of surveys so as to ensure that deadlines are respected;
 3. Approves the Commission's proposal but nevertheless requests it to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

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 surveys of pig production to be made by Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 165 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 112/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 157/76),
1. Requests that the results of the surveys should be made available to producers and the trade in the shortest possible time;
 2. Emphasises that information obtained concerning individual producers should remain strictly confidential and be used only for the purposes of the surveys;
 3. Approves the Commission's proposal but nevertheless requests it to incorporate the following amendment in its proposal to the Council, pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive for a 12th amendment of Directive 64/54/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the preservatives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 202 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 121/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 177/76),

1. Refers to its resolutions of 14 May 1970 ⁽¹⁾ and 18 January 1974 ⁽²⁾ on the use of thiabendazole in the surface treatment of citrus fruits and bananas;

2. Regrets that the Commission is still unable to submit a definitive proposal on the use of thiabendazole since continual provisional extensions of the period of approval could engender uncertainty in the mind of the consumer,

especially as the retail trade is not required to give the consumer any visible indication that fruit sold has been treated with this preservative;

3. Reiterates, therefore, its urgent request that the Commission first consults qualified experts and then conducts a conclusive examination of the question of the technical necessity and the admissibility from the health point of view of the use of thiabendazole with the lowest possible residual content and that it draw appropriate proposals up as soon as possible;

4. Feels, in view of the importance of this matter for health protection, unable to deliver an opinion on the definitive use of thiabendazole in foodstuffs unless allowed sufficient time to consider the subject, and therefore urges the Commission and the Council to begin the consultation procedure no later than the end of 1977 so that Parliament need not work against time;

5. Approves the Commission's proposal with the reservations mentioned above.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 65, 5. 6. 1970, p. 44.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 11, 7. 2. 1974, p. 47.

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 1696/71 on the common organization of the market in hops

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 Articles 42, 43, 113 and 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 562/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 156/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal subject to the following amendments;

2. Requests the Commission, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty, to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 51, 5. 3. 1976, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation fixing the main intervention centres for oil seeds for the 1976/77 marketing year and the derived intervention prices applicable at these centres

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 148 fin.);
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to the EEC Treaty (Doc. 84/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 120/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Nevertheless reiterates its insistence expressed last year ⁽¹⁾ that the Commission should, as soon as possible, submit a full report to it on the situation of the market and problems in the oil seed sector, concerning in particular colza and rape seed.

⁽¹⁾ See OJ No C 157, 14. 7. 1975, p. 95.

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(76) 164 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 87/76),
- 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. 123/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Welcomes the fact that the Commission is studying the proposal of the European Parliament for a permanent duty reduction for those products subject to tariff suspensions for several years, and urges that action be taken on this question in the near future;
3. Believes that this would best be done within the framework of generalized preferences in order to help developing countries, or within negotiations on GATT, while taking into account the interests of the processing industries within the Community;
4. Stresses once more the need to compile statistics on the Community market of products proposed for tariff suspension, in view of the fact that the only information available is that supplied by 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

- I. imports of durum wheat from Morocco,
- II. imports of wine of fresh grapes, intended for fortifying, originating in Algeria,
- III. import from the Popular Democratic Republic of Algeria of bran, sharps and other residues derived from the sifting, milling or working of certain cereals,
- IV. imports from the Republic of Tunisia of bran, sharps and other residues derived from the sifting, milling or working of certain cereals,
- V. imports from the Kingdom of Morocco of bran, sharps and other residues derived from the sifting, milling or working of certain cereals,
- VI. imports of olive oil from Morocco,
- VII. imports of olive oil from Algeria,
- VIII. imports of olive oil from Tunisia

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 179 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 105/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 135/76),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

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 apricot pulp falling within subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Morocco (1976),
- II. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for apricot pulp falling within subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Tunisia (1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 137 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 72/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinions of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 136/76),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

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 imports into the Community of prepared and preserved sardines originating in Morocco,
- II. a Regulation on imports into the Community of prepared and preserved sardines originating in Tunisia

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 pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 85/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinions of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 137/76),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

(1) OJ No C 104, 7. 5. 1976, p. 5.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain wines of designation of origin, falling within heading No ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Algeria (1976/77)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 185 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 53/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 138/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation suspending the application of the condition to which imports of certain citrus fruit originating in Morocco and Tunisia are subject under the agreements between the Community and each of those countries

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 156 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 86/76),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinions of the Committee on Cooperation and Development and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 139/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

RESOLUTION

on the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament for the financial year
1977

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rules 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the draft estimates drawn up by the committee responsible, and to the accompanying report (Doc. 130/76),
- (a) considering that the establishment plan should be stabilized and the increase in numerical strength kept to a minimum;
- (b) considering that, while allowing for certain increases attributable to the constant development of its activities and to certain rises in costs, the increase in appropriations shown in the estimates should be kept to a minimum;
- (c) pointing out that it will not allow for increases relating to the forecast rises in staff salaries until a number of decisions have been taken on this matter at Community level (in other words when the draft annual budget of the Communities is considered);

A. Establishment plan

1. Creates

- (a) 36 new permanent posts and one new temporary post,
- (b) a reserve of 22 posts, corresponding to the number of officials at present seconded in the interests of the service to the political groups,
- (c) eight temporary posts in the secretariat of the political groups,
- (d) by decision of the Bureau, 10 new posts to strengthen the establishment of drivers, security services and of certain facilities in Brussels.

2. Regrades

- (a) 17 permanent posts shown on the establishment plan
 - (b) 35 posts included in the establishment plan of the political groups
- in accordance with the following detailed breakdown.

B. Estimates proper

- 3. Establishes its estimates of revenue and expenditure for 1977 at 55 274 994 u.a.;

4. Stresses that it will amend its estimates when it examines the draft budget of the Communities for 1977, in particular to take account of decisions relating to increases in staff salaries and for the reasons set out in the explanatory statement accompanying this resolution;

5. Instructs its President, pursuant to the provisions of Article 203 of the Treaty, to forward this resolution, the estimates annexed thereto and the report of its committee, to the Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Council of the European Communities.

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Modification of the establishment plan

1. *Creation of new posts*

(a) Breakdown of the 36 new permanent posts and one temporary post:

1 A 5/4
1 A 7/6
6 LA 5/4
4 B 3/2
4 B 5/4
3 C 1
14 C 3/2, including one temporary
1 C 5/4
2 D 1
1 D 3/2

(b) Breakdown of the reserve of 22 posts:

1 LA 5/4	(1 LA 4)
1 LA 8/7	(1 LA 7)
1 A 5/4	(1 A 4)
1 A 7/6	(1 A 6)
1 B 3/2	(1 B 2)
1 B 5/4	(1 B 4)
1 C 1	(1 C 1)
14 C 3/2	(14 C 2)
1 C 5/4	(1 C 4)

(c) Breakdown of the eight temporary posts in the political groups ⁽¹⁾:

1 A 4
1 A 7
1 C 1
5 C 3

(d) Breakdown of 10 new posts created by decision of the Bureau:

1 A 7/6
4 C 1
5 D 3/2

⁽¹⁾ This information is taken from Bureau documents PE 44.048/BUR and PE 44.346/BUR and has to be confirmed by the political groups.

2. *Regrading of posts*

(a) Breakdown of the regrading of 17 permanent posts:

2 A 5/4 to A 3
2 B 3/2 to B 1
2 B 5/4 to B 3/2
11 C 3/2 to C 1

(b) Breakdown of the regrading of 35 temporary posts in the establishment plan of the political groups:

I. — Regrading outside career bracket:

2 A 6 to A 5
1 B 2 to B 1

II. — Regrading within career bracket ⁽¹⁾:

2 A 5 to A 4
13 A 7 to A 6
6 B 3 to B 2
11 C 3 to C 2

⁽¹⁾ This information is taken from Bureau documents PE 44.048/BUR and PE 44.346/BUR and has to be confirmed by the political groups.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on a communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on renewal of the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council (COM(76) 103 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 42/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 131/76),

Approves the proposal for a renewal of the Convention between the European Economic Community and UNRWA backdated to commence on 1 July 1975, (immediately after expiry of its predecessor) and renewable every year with or without amendment up to 30 June 1978 or the expiry of UNRWA's mandate, whichever is the later.

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 the rules on imports of beef and veal products originating in certain African, Caribbean and Pacific countries, laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 188 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 111/76),
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75 of 24 June 1975 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories, and to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 of 18 December 1975 renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 127/76/rev.),
1. Approves the proposal for a Regulation extending the validity of Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 by six months, i.e., until 31 December 1976;
 2. Notes that these arrangements may be reviewed or abrogated within this period if conditions change and current import arrangements are modified in such a way as to no longer justify these measures;
 3. Emphasizes finally that for some ACP States, especially Botswana, beef and veal exports are of vital significance;
 4. Draws the attention of the Council of the European Communities to the concern of those ACP States that export beef and veal over the difficulties encountered on the Community market; welcomes the fact that an interim agreement has been concluded and calls for its consolidation.

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 assimilation of the disaster-stricken communes with the mountain areas to which Council Directive 75/268/EEC on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas applies,
- II. a Regulation on the Community contribution towards repairing the damage caused to agriculture in Friuli by the earthquake in May 1976,
- III. a Regulation on the Community contribution towards repairing infrastructural damage caused by the Friuli earthquake in May 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 276 fin., 278 fin. and 279 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 42, 43, 209 and 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 165/76),
 - having regard to its previous resolution on the earthquake in Italy ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 173/76),
1. Approves the Commission's proposals;
 2. Invites the responsible Italian and Community authorities to do their utmost to ensure that projects eligible to benefit from the various Community aids are submitted and approved as soon as possible so that an effective contribution can be made to the economic recovery of the devastated areas;
 3. Calls on the Commission to provide in its proposals for the possibility of extending, if necessary, the time limits laid down for the submission of applications for aid.

⁽¹⁾ See OJ No C 125, 8. 6. 1976, p. 24.

RESOLUTION

on supplementary budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to preliminary draft supplementary budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 (COM(76) 277 fin.),
- having regard to draft supplementary budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 (Doc. 170/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 171/76),

(a) As regards the form and content of the draft budget

1. Considers that the urgency and unforeseeable nature of the situation caused by the earthquake of 6 May 1976 in the region of Friuli/Venezia Giulia requires and justifies recourse not only to existing funds and procedures but also to the adoption of a supplementary budget;
2. Approves, on the basis of the proposals for *ad hoc* Regulations submitted by the Commission, the amount and allocation of the appropriations entered in the draft budget;

(b) Adoption of the budget

- having regard to its deliberations of 18 June 1976,
3. Notes that the procedure laid down in Article 203 of the Treaty establishing the EEC, Article 177 of the Treaty establishing the EAEC and Article 78 of the Treaty establishing the ECSC has been completed;
 4. Approves, by its votes and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of Article 203 of the Treaty establishing the EEC, Article 177 of the Treaty establishing the EAEC and Article 78 of the Treaty establishing the ECSC, the supplementary budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1976;
 5. Requests its President to declare, in accordance with Article 203 (7) of the Treaty establishing the EEC, that the procedure has been completed and the budget finally adopted, and instructs him to arrange for the publication of the budget in the 'L' series of the Official Journal.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the report and proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on an Action Programme for the European Aeronautical Sector

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission report and proposals ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 84 (2) and 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 319/75),
- having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the opinions of the Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 203/76)

as regards the aircraft industry policy

1. Draws attention to the fact that there has been a considerable fall in the European aircraft industry's share of the market in recent years;
2. Affirms the need to increase European aircraft manufacturers' competitiveness at international level by pursuing without delay a common industrial policy in order to ensure employment and promote research and production within the industry;
3. Recalls its interest in the objectives of the Commission's proposal;
4. Stresses the need for cooperation between the Community aircraft industry and manufacturers outside the Community to be on an equal basis, so that the Community aircraft industry does not end up in the precarious position of subcontractor;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 265, 19. 11. 1975, p. 2.

5. Agrees that the introduction of a common aircraft industry policy may make it necessary for the Member States to transfer considerable resources to the Community budget;

6. Nevertheless reserves its final judgement on the size and form of such expenditure and stresses that the final shape of the policy will have to be the subject of agreement between the Council and the European Parliament under the conciliation procedure;

as regards the air transport policy

7. Approves the objective of creating a common European airspace ⁽¹⁾;

8. Feels, however, that the Commission's proposal is not very precise and that it is impossible on the facts available to adopt a position on the formulation of such a policy;

as regards combining a common air transport policy and a common aircraft industry policy

9. Acknowledges that air transport policy and aircraft industry policy are interrelated;

10. Feels, however, that it would take a long time to reach agreement on the formulation of a common air transport policy;

11. Therefore fears that combining these two policies, as proposed by the Commission, would lead to considerable delays in the implementation of a common aircraft industry policy;

12. Therefore recommends that the Commission concentrates on:

- firstly, quickly reaching decisions of principle in the Council on the industrial policy aspects, and
- secondly, putting its ideas and proposals for a common air transport policy into concrete form, and in this connection refers to its resolution of 16 March 1973 ⁽²⁾;

as regards a military aircraft procurement agency

13. Draws attention to the close relationship between the production of military aircraft and the production of civil aircraft;

14. Feels that sales of military aircraft are an essential basis for the future of the European aircraft industry;

15. Therefore regards the proposal as an element in the Community's industrial and employment policies;

16. Fully appreciates, however, the contribution that cooperation within such an agency can make to an understanding of the need for subsequent defence policy cooperation as part of the European union;

17. Requests the European Council to set up the proposed agency and:

- to ensure close contact between the agency and the Commission as regards economic, employment and research aspects;
- to ensure close contact between the agency and the Eurogroup in NATO as regards defence aspects;

18. Will return to the question of parliamentary control of such an agency later;

19. Endorses the Commission's proposal for an Action Programme and requests the Commission to include the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

(1) Translator's note: Airspace — 'in law, the space above a particular territory, treated as belonging to the government controlling the territory'. (Encyclopaedia Britannica)

(2) OJ No C 19, 12. 4. 1973.

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 72/464/EEC on taxes other than turnover taxes 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 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 99 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 552/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 128/76),
1. Stresses once more the decisive importance of tax harmonization for the establishment of a Community internal market;
 2. Approves, while noting the danger of severe disruption of the markets and the extent of Member States' tax revenue involved, the cautious introduction of step by step harmonization of cigarette excise duty structures;
 3. Recalls its view ⁽²⁾ that the aim must be a tax system that is neutral in its effects on competition and promotes market interpenetration, optimum utilization of the tax source while maintaining the same quality and range of products;
 4. Approves in this connection the long delayed submission of the proposal for a fifth Directive to harmonize the structure of excise duties on cigarettes;
 5. Notes that though this proposal for a Directive introducing the second stage of harmonization delays reaching the final stage by at least 12 months, it does constitute progress towards harmonization;
 6. Urges the Commission, in view of the delays which have already occurred and the difficulties to be overcome, to make strenuous efforts to find a solution for the final stage of harmonization;
 7. Urges the Council, moreover, to adopt without delay the proposal for a second Directive specifying the groups of products into which manufactured tobacco is to be divided since harmonization can only be effective if it applies to both the basis of assessment and the structure of excise duties.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 45, 27. 2. 1976, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ Doc. 224/68, point 7.

RESOLUTION

on the introduction of a uniform passport

The European Parliament,

- noting the decision of the European Summit Conference at Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974, that a working group be set up to study the problems of a uniform passport, and of a Passport Union, and report by 31 December 1976,

— noting the agreement of the European Council held at Rome in December 1975, to create a uniform passport to be in use by 1978,

1. Urges the Council to ensure that the agreement for a uniform passport be carried into effect by 1978;
2. Places on record its belief in the desirability of a passport union and urges the Council and Commission of the European Communities to take steps to ensure, in accordance with their respective responsibilities that such a union is established as soon as possible;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Parliaments and Government of the Member States.

RESOLUTION

on the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament relating to the consultation procedure (Rules 22, (27A) and 42)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions (Doc. 196/76),

1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as follows;
2. Instructs its President to have this resolution published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and to forward it for information to the Commission and Council of the European Communities, and instructs its Secretary-General to have published a new edition of the Rules of Procedure thus amended, making sure there is perfect concordance between the texts in the six official languages;
3. Decides that the Rules of Procedure thus amended shall enter into force at the beginning of the part-session following that at which they have been adopted.

Rule 22

(requests for opinions)

1. Requests from the Commission or Council for an opinion or for advice shall be printed, distributed and referred to the appropriate committees and a list thereof shall be published in the Bulletin of Parliament.
2. Any Decision or resolution adopted by Parliament following a request from an institution for an opinion or for advice shall be forwarded immediately to the President of that institution. Should the request have come from the President of the Council, the Decision or resolution shall also be forwarded to the Commission.

Rule 27A

(procedure without report)

1. The list of requests from the Commission or Council for an opinion or advice shall be sent each week to members of the appropriate committees. This list shall indicate the date on which the request was first received.

2. At each meeting of a committee the chairman shall submit to the committee those requests that in his opinion should be approved without report.
3. With respect to each of the requests made the object of a proposal under paragraph 2, the chairman of the committee responsible shall make available a summary of the document concerned to members of the appropriate committees.
4. The chairman shall put the proposal to the committee for decision and, unless any member objects to its adoption, shall send a statement to the President of Parliament to inform him that it has been adopted.
5. The titles of all requests from the Commission or Council for an opinion or for advice to which paragraph 4 applies shall be entered on the agenda of the first sitting of the part-session following the receipt of statements from all appropriate committees.
6. At the last sitting of the same part-session, the President shall declare the proposals to which the statements under paragraph 4 relate to be approved unless, before the opening of the sitting:
 - (a) any member has asked leave to speak on the proposals;
 - (b) amendments have been tabled to them.
7. In these cases the proposals shall be referred back to the appropriate committees.
8. The title of each proposal approved by Parliament under paragraph 6 shall be recorded in the minutes.

Rule 42

1. Committees may appoint for each subject a rapporteur who shall be responsible for preparing the committee's report and for introducing it in Parliament.

The final report of the committee shall include a motion for a resolution and an explanatory statement.

2. The report shall state the result of the vote taken on the report as a whole. If the committee is not unanimous, the report shall also state the views of the minority.

RESOLUTION

on the amendment of Chapter XI of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

— having regard to its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions (Doc. 197/76),

1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedures as follows;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution for information to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Conference of Foreign Ministers.

CHAPTER XI

QUESTIONS

Rule 45

1. Questions for written answer may be put any member to the Commission, to the Council or to the Conference of Foreign Ministers.

These questions shall be brief and relate to specific points, and shall be submitted in writing to the President, who shall communicate them to the institution concerned.

2. Questions to which answers have been given shall be published, together with the answers, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.
3. Questions to which no answer has been given within one month by the Commission, or within two months by the Council or the Conference of Foreign Ministers, shall also be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

RESOLUTION
**on the amendment of Chapters I to X, XIII and XIV of the Rules of Procedure of the
European Parliament**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 54 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions (Doc. 198/76),

1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as follows;
2. Instructs its President to have this resolution published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and to forward it for information to the Commission and Council of the European Communities and instructs its Secretary-General to have published a new edition of the Rules of Procedure thus amended, making sure there is perfect concordance between the texts in the six official languages;
3. Decides that the Rules of Procedure thus amended shall enter into force at the beginning of the part-session following that at which they have been adopted.

CHAPTER I

SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

Rules 1 and 2 unchanged

CHAPTER II

VERIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

Rules 3 and 4 unchanged

CHAPTER III

BUREAU OF PARLIAMENT

Rule 5 unchanged

Rule 6

1. At the sitting held on the second Tuesday in March each year, the oldest member present shall take the chair until the President has been declared elected.
2. No business shall be transacted while the oldest member is in the chair unless it is concerned with the election of the President or the verification of credentials.

Rule 7

1. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by secret ballot; Parliament may, however, decide to depart from this rule for any election if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled.

Four tellers chosen by lot shall count the votes cast in a secret ballot; candidates shall not act as tellers.

2. The President shall be elected first. Nominations shall be handed before each ballot to the oldest member, who shall announce them to Parliament. If after three ballots no candidate has obtained an absolute majority of the votes cast, the fourth ballot shall be confined to the two members who have obtained the highest number of votes in the third ballot. In the event of a tie the elder candidate shall be declared elected.

3. As soon as the President has been elected, the oldest representative shall vacate the chair.

4. The Vice-Presidents shall then be elected on a single ballot paper. Those who on the first ballot obtain an absolute majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. Should the number of candidates elected be less than the number of seats to be filled, a second ballot shall be held under the same conditions among candidates not yet elected. Should a third ballot be necessary, a relative majority shall suffice for election to the remaining seats, and in the event of a tie the oldest candidates shall be declared elected.

5. The Vice-Presidents shall take precedence in the order in which they were elected, and in the event of a tie, by age.

Where they are not elected by secret ballot, the order in which their names are read out to the House by the President of the sitting shall determine the order of precedence.

6. Should it be necessary for the President or a Vice-President to be replaced, his successor shall be elected in accordance with the above provisions.

A newly elected Vice-President shall take the place of his predecessor in the order of precedence.

7. Should the seat become vacant during an adjournment of the session, the political group to which the representative whose seat has become vacant belonged shall nominate a candidate for temporary membership of the Bureau pending the election referred to in paragraph 6.

The nomination shall be placed before the enlarged Bureau for ratification.

A temporary member of the Bureau shall enjoy the same rights as a Vice-President.

Should the President's seat become vacant, the first Vice-President shall act as President.

CHAPTER IV

PRESIDENCY

Rules 8 to 11 unchanged

CHAPTER V

AGENDA OF SITTINGS

Rule 12 unchanged

Rule 13

Except in the cases of urgency referred to in Rule 14, a debate shall not be opened on a report unless it was tabled not later than 12 days before the beginning of the part-session and distributed at least 24 hours previously.

Rule 14 unchanged

CHAPTER VI

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Rule 15 unchanged

CHAPTER VII

PUBLICITY OF PROCEEDINGS

Rules 16 to 19 unchanged

CHAPTER VIII

CONDUCT OF SITTINGS

Rules 20 to 31 unchanged

Rule 32

1. A member who asks leave to speak for a procedural motion, namely:
 - (a) to raise a point of order;
 - (b) to move reference to committee;

- (c) to move the closure of a debate;
- (d) to move the adjournment of a debate;
- (e) to move the previous question; shall have a prior right to do so.

2. The above matters shall take precedence over the main question, the discussion of which shall be suspended while they are being considered.

3. Without prejudice to Rule 31 (5), only the following shall be heard in debates on the above matters; the mover of the motion, one speaker for and one against the motion, and the chairmen or the rapporteurs of the committees concerned.

CHAPTER IX

VOTING

Rules 33 and 34 unchanged

Rule 35

1. Normally Parliament shall vote by show of hands.
2. If the result of the show of hands is doubtful, a fresh vote shall be taken by sitting and standing.
3. If the result of this second vote is doubtful or whenever 10 or more representatives so desire, the vote shall be taken by roll call.
4. The roll shall be called in alphabetical order, beginning with the name of a representative drawn by lot. The President shall be the last to be called to vote.

Voting shall be by word of mouth and shall be expressed by 'Yes', 'No', or 'I abstain'. In calculating whether a motion has been adopted or rejected, account shall be taken only of votes cast for and against. The President shall establish the result of the count and announce it.

Votes shall be recorded in the minutes of proceedings of the sitting in the alphabetical order of representatives' names.

5. Without prejudice to Rules 2 (2), 7 (2) and (4), 21 (4), 24 (2) and (3), 41 (5) and 54, motions put to the vote shall be declared adopted only if they have secured a majority of the votes cast.

In the event of a tie, the motion shall stand rejected.

6. In the case of appointments, voting shall be by secret ballot, without prejudice to Rules 7 (1), 37 (2) and 41 (5), second subparagraph. Only ballot papers bearing the names of persons who have been nominated shall be taken into account in calculating the number of votes cast.

CHAPTER X

GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

Rules 36 to 40 unchanged

Rule 41

1. Rules 7 (2), 29, 30, 31, 32 and 35 (4), (5) and (6) shall apply as appropriate, to committee meetings.
2. A committee may validly vote when one quarter of its current members are actually present. However, if so requested by one-sixth of its members before voting begins, the vote shall be valid only if the number of voters represents an absolute majority of the committee members.
3. Voting in committee shall be by show of hands, unless any representative demands a vote by roll call.
4. The chairman may take part in discussions and may vote, but without having a casting vote.
5. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, the Bureau shall be elected by secret ballot without discussion. Its election shall require an absolute majority of the votes cast; where, however, a second ballot proves to be necessary, a relative majority shall suffice.
If the number of nominations corresponds to the number of seats to be filled, the candidate or candidates may be declared elected without holding the ballot referred to in the first subparagraph.
6. The procedure for subcommittees shall be the same as for committees.
7. The minutes of each meeting of a committee shall be distributed to all its members and submitted to the committee for its approval at its next meeting.
8. In addition, a summary report of the proceedings shall be drawn up. Unless the committee decides otherwise, however, such report shall not be distributed but shall be available to all representatives.
9. Unless the committee decides otherwise, only adopted reports and statements prepared on the responsibility of the chairman shall be made public.

Rest unchanged

RESOLUTION

on the adoption by the Council of the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities 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,

- referring to the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from Member States by the Communities' own resources,
 - having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council of October 1973 ⁽¹⁾, as amended by the Commission on 12 August 1974 ⁽²⁾ in the light of the opinion adopted by Parliament on 14 March 1974 ⁽³⁾,
 - recalling the Council resolution of 22 March 1972 concerning economic and monetary union,
1. Regrets that, despite its resolutions, in particular that of 20 June 1975 ⁽⁴⁾, and the letter from its President, dated 7 July 1975, inviting the Council to act pursuant to Article 175 of the EEC Treaty, the proposal for a sixth Directive has still not been adopted;
 2. Emphasizes once again the importance of the adoption of this Directive in order to permit the effective application of the system of own resources from 1 January 1978;
 3. Urges the Council to take an immediate decision to ensure that the Directive enters into force not later than 1 January 1977, an interval after its adoption being required by the Member States in order to adapt their legislation;
 4. Stresses also the need for speedy adoption by the Council of the many proposals for Directives, which in some cases have been awaiting a decision for several years, in order to achieve the fiscal conditions necessary for economic and monetary union;
 5. Invites the Council to hold new *ad hoc* meetings on tax problems, thus demonstrating its political willingness to consider fiscal harmonization as a field of Community activity in which progress must also be made;
 6. 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.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 80, 5. 10. 1973, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 121, 11. 10. 1974, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 34.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 157, 14. 7. 1975.

RESOLUTION

on measures to combat international terrorism

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 10 July 1975 (Doc. 188/75),
 - firmly convinced that international terrorism must be combated with great determination,
1. Welcomes the courageous liberation of the Entebbe hostages;
 2. Calls on the Conference of Foreign Ministers, the Council and Commission of the European Communities, in the context of European political cooperation and of Community activities, to coordinate energetically and without delay measures to combat international terrorism, and to intensify their efforts to reach suitable mutual judicial assistance agreements with third countries;
 3. Calls on the organs of European political cooperation and the European Communities to coordinate their efforts to this end, in particular in the plenary assembly of the United Nations, in the UN Security Council and in the subsidiary organizations of the UN;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Conference of Foreign Ministers and the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the outcome of the visit by a delegation from the European Parliament to the countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and on future relations between the European Community and ASEAN

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the mission report and the summary record of the official visit of the European Parliament's delegation to the ASEAN countries from 16 July to 7 August 1975,
 - 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. 181/76),
1. Welcomes the development of an outward-looking association of nations in South-East Asia and looks forward to a growing relationship between the European Community and ASEAN on the basis of mutual interest and fruitful cooperation;
 2. Notes that the aim of the regional cooperation and/or integration advocated by ASEAN is to consolidate peace and stability in South-East Asia and to further the prosperity of the nations in that region and that ASEAN is continuing with its efforts to achieve these political and economic objectives;
 3. Hopes that the European Community, its institutions and its Member States will devote more attention to their increasingly important economic partners in ASEAN;
 4. Recommends the Commission to investigate the possibility of improving economic and trade relations between the EEC and ASEAN, with particular reference to generalized preferences, the promotion of Asian exports, technical and financial cooperation;
 5. Invites the Commission to continue its work in the field of ASEAN participation in trade fairs in the EEC seminars on the EEC scheme of generalized preferences in ASEAN countries and other suitable means of improving the reciprocal flow of information;
 6. Takes the view, in this connection, that a Community information and liaison office should be opened in one of the countries of ASEAN;
 7. Stresses the importance it attaches to a sustained dialogue on many political and economic points of mutual interest and on matters of common concern to parliamentary democracy in our respective countries;
 8. Hopes, in particular, for a rapid, humane and democratic solution to the problem of political interments in Indonesia;
 9. Welcomes the plan to set up an ASEAN inter-parliamentary organization with which it hopes to establish contact;
 10. Invites a delegation of ASEAN parliamentarians to pay a return visit to the Community;
 11. Instructs its appropriate committees to follow all aspects of the development of relations between the European Community and ASEAN;
 12. 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 diplomatic representatives of the ASEAN countries accredited to the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on economic and commercial relations between the European Community and Iran

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations, (Doc. 119/76),
 - noting the Iranian estimate that by 1991 extensive inroads will have been made into Iranian oil resources, and that 23 % of Iran's present oil exports go to the Community,
 - noting the Iranian commitment to industrial development,
1. Notes with regret that since 30 November 1973 — the date on which the non-preferential agreement concluded between the two parties in 1963 definitively expired — no trade agreement has linked the European Community and the Empire of Iran;
 2. Considers that this situation is contrary to the interests of both parties who, following the considerable increase in Iran's revenues, are continually strengthening their ties in the economic and financial sectors;
 3. Emphasizes that the considerable development of these ties is evidence of the growing complementarity and interdependence of their economies;
 4. Invites, therefore, the Community to open shortly, on the basis of the proposals contained in the communication from the Commission to the Council on relations with Iran, negotiations with the Iranian authorities, with the aim of defining the framework and the content of the cooperation agreement to be entered into by the two parties;
 5. Considers that an agreement of this kind should enable the problems which exist between Iran and the Community in the economic and commercial sectors to be resolved;
 6. Believes that the Iranian Government will honour any future Community-Iran agreement designed to prevent discrimination against the Community and not to hinder the export of hydrocarbons to the Nine;
 7. Emphasizes that if economic cooperation with Iran is to develop, it is essential that Community firms should have confidence in the security of their investment in that country;
 8. Urges the Community Member States to consult with each other and keep each other informed when negotiating and concluding bilateral cooperation agreements with Iran in the context of, and in accordance with, the Council Decision of 22 July 1974;
 9. Requests the Council and the Commission to keep it regularly informed of the progress of negotiations between the Community and Iran;
 10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on measures to be taken to alleviate the effects of the drought

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats (Doc. 175/76),
- having regard to the referral made by the European Parliament at its sitting of Friday, 18 June 1976,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 223/76),
- recognizing that the persistent development of the drought in many parts of Europe and its disastrous consequences are an unprecedented catastrophe firstly for the farmers who are its main victims and secondly for the consumers who are already facing — and will continue to face on an increasing scale in the near future — price increases and even supply difficulties,

1. Invites both the Commission and the Council to mobilize forthwith all possible resources to aid the persons affected in the disaster areas, and to keep a close watch on developments;
2. Considers that, in addition to the national measures which have already been taken or may yet be taken, suitable instruments of the common agricultural policy must be used to the full in order to limit the damage suffered by farmers and consumers;
3. Calls on the Commission in particular to take measures to alleviate difficulties in securing supplies of fodder;
4. Invites the Commission to give special attention, in the context of agricultural structural policy and regional policy, to measures aimed at achieving a balanced water supply, so that the damage caused by future catastrophic climatic conditions can be lessened.

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 common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are marketed and processed

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 Articles 42 and 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 241/75),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 218, 24. 9. 1975, p. 4.

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 162/76),
- having regard to the memorandum on the reform of agriculture in the European Economic Community (Doc. 194/67),
- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concerning agricultural producer groups and their federations (Doc. 20/67),
- having regard to the second report drawn up by Mr Bading on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 170/67),
- having regard to the amended proposal of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concerning agricultural producer groups and their federations (Doc. 45/70-VI),
- having regard to the interim report and a further report drawn up by Mr Baas on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture (Docs 34/71 and 176/71),
- having regard to the need to ensure reasonable prices to producers of agricultural produce and stable supplies to consumers,
- having regard to the necessity to encourage horizontal and vertical integration in the agricultural sector,
- having regard to the importance of agricultural assets at the Community and international levels,

1. Is of the opinion that measures to improve the processing and marketing of agricultural produce should be implemented with the minimum of delay, and approves the Commission's proposal subject to the following reservations;

2. Points out that the Commission's proposal represents a limited step which will result in a decrease in the total real amount of Community aid to be granted for the improvement of marketing and mixed production/marketing structures, and which will make no substantial contribution to reducing agricultural surpluses and limiting the need for intervention;

3. Believes that the serious market imbalances, particularly in the dairy sector, demonstrate that the question of marketing and processing should not be separated from that of production, but should be considered in terms of achieving a better balance between supply and demand; to increase returns to the agricultural community and protect their interests in the face of an increasing concentration of buyers; to bring about reasonable and more stable prices for the consumer; to improve the quality and variety of produce offered to the consumer, and to help develop the Community's agricultural assets to their fullest extent;

4. Emphasises that efforts to improve market equilibrium require, above all, greater discipline on the part of producers and that such discipline:

- (a) is acceptable to producers only on condition that it is linked to a greater role for those producers in developing market policy;
- (b) and will be effective only when carried out through organizations of producers able to promote their joint strength and implement collective decisions;

5. Believes, in consequence, that efforts in this direction must be based on measures to clarify the objectives of Community agriculture through an increased responsibility for producers in market policy, so as to:

- (a) reduce the problems caused by undue political interference in production, safeguard the interests of the consumer, and reduce the need for onerous budgetary expenditure;
- (b) increase the degree of long range thinking on market trends and the most effective use of the Community's agricultural resources;
- (c) introduce greater day-to-day flexibility in adjusting market policy;

- (d) improve producers' technical resources, and in particular their information on market situations and prices, in order to establish annual market trends and the conditions under which produce should be placed on the market;
- (e) develop sales promotion and publicity;
6. Believes that this can be achieved progressively by means of adoption by the Council of the regulation concerning producer groups and coordination between producer groups;
7. Invites the Commission to examine the possibility of employing, as a condition for the grant of aid from the EAGGF in the processing and marketing sector, contractual links between producers and processors, with the gradual introduction of 'model contracts' between non-organized producers and processors;
8. Requests the Commission to undertake an examination of the most successful national or regional producer organisations and cooperatives within the Community, so as:
- to provide the basis for the rational development of production and marketing measures;
 - and to indicate those sectors where increased producer organisation is most urgently required;
9. Requests the Commission to present a report to the Council and the European Parliament three years after the entry into force of this Regulation on the effects on marketing structures, and on the basis of that report propose modifications, where appropriate, to the present provisions;
10. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

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 Directives 72/159/EEC, 72/160/EEC, 72/161/EEC, 73/131/EEC and 75/268/EEC on the reform of agriculture

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. 129/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 204/76),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 126, 9. 6. 1976, p. 9.

1. Approves in principle the Commission's proposal;
2. Notes that the object of the Commission's proposal is to maintain the value of amounts laid down in the reform Directives and awaits a later review as to whether those amounts are sufficient to achieve the aims of the Directives;
3. Requests that provision be made for the possibility of a review, in the annual reports provided for, of amounts laid down in the reform Directives so as to take into account price changes and budgetary resources;
4. Points out that from 1980, at the latest, it will be necessary to increase the ceiling of 325 million units of account for annual appropriations entered under the Guidance Section of the EAGGF in order to allow for the continued implementation of common measures to improve agriculture in the Community.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1930/75 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 (COM(76) 304 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 214/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 224/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Requests the Commission, however, to make a general review of the crisis situation in the tomato concentrates and peeled tomatoes sector in order to find more incisive solutions.

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 1975 harvest

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. 182/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 221/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 149, 1. 7. 1976, p. 2.

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 fifth time the system of partial and temporary suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to wines originating in and coming from Turkey, provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2823/71

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 315 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 42 and 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 219/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 225/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;

2. Invites the Council nevertheless to extend the present preferential system until the entry into force of the definitive system provided for in the Additional Protocol, and therefore, possibly, beyond 31 August 1977, in view of the limited scope of the concession and of the negligible quantities of wine originating in Turkey imported into the Community.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the draft Council resolution on the continuation and implementation of a European Community policy and Action Programme on the Environment

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolutions of:

- (a) 18 April 1972 on the first communication from the Commission on Community policy in the field of environmental protection ⁽¹⁾,
- (b) 6 July 1972 on the communication from the Commission to the Council on the programme of environmental action of the European Communities together with proposed measures to be taken in this field ⁽²⁾,
- (c) 3 July 1973 on the proposals from the Commission to the Council on the programme of environmental action of the European Communities together with proposed measures to be taken in this field ⁽³⁾,

- having regard to the draft resolution on the continuation and implementation of a European Community policy and Action Programme on the Environment ⁽⁴⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 51/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, and to the opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Energy and Research (Doc. 215/76),

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposals (Second Action Programme on the Environment) as an important step in the furtherance of Community policy on the protection of the environment and in the continuation of the programme of action of the European Communities on the environment of 22 November 1973 (first programme) ⁽⁵⁾;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 46, 9. 5. 1972, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 82, 26. 7. 1972, p. 42.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 62, 31. 7. 1973, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 115, 24. 5. 1976, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No C 112, 20. 12. 1973, p. 1.

2. Notes that the duration of this Action Programme had to be tacitly extended by one year — until the end of 1976 — since considerable delays had occurred in its implementation as a result of the limited staff and materials available;

3. Attributes the regrettable delays not least to the procrastination of the Council which has so far approved only 15 of the 35 proposals submitted by the Commission, and requests the Council therefore to intensify its activities in the field of environmental protection, in order to meet the commitments which it entered into of its own accord;

4. Calls on the Council in future to honour its commitment to take decisions on Commission proposals within nine months of their submission;

5. Regrets that the Commission has insufficient staff (13 officials in career bracket A for pollution problems, 13 officials in career bracket A for other problems concerned with protecting and improving the environment, three officials in career bracket B and 10 officials in career bracket C) to carry out the work necessary to implement the action programme on the environment, and therefore requests the Council to create the staffing and financial conditions necessary for effective and successful action by the Commission in the field of environmental protection;

6. Requests that institutions and structures in the Member States be adapted and integrated for the implementation of the Community's environment policy;

7. Welcomes the fact that in the second programme:

- (a) the preventive nature of the environmental policy is strengthened,
- (b) noise abatement measures are planned,
- (c) particular importance is placed on the non-damaging use and more rational management of space, environment and natural resources;

8. While recognizing the need for preliminary studies, investigations and research, stresses that these projects must lead rapidly to concrete proposals for directives, in particular on:

- (a) further measures to restrict the use of harmful substances,
- (b) the reduction of environmental pollution caused by certain production techniques,
- (c) the prevention of overheating of rivers and the atmosphere in the Community caused by thermal discharge from power stations and the subsequent eutrophication of the rivers,
- (d) the improvement in the quality of foodstuffs with the help of environmental protection measures,
- (e) the reduction of environmental pollution caused by intensive farming and the use of mineral fertilizers,
- (f) the conservation of marine mammals, the control of underwater fishing, and general regulations on hunting with the aim of protecting animal species,
- (g) an effective campaign against wastage,
- (h) the safe disposal of non-recoverable waste matter,
- (i) a solution to the problems of disposal and definitive storage of radio-active waste resulting from the use of nuclear fuel and the closing down of nuclear facilities,
- (j) measures to solve the economic problems of environmental protection;

9. Calls upon the Commission to give priority to measures for:

- (a) limiting the use of chemical pesticides,
- (b) encouraging biological or integrated cultivation methods in agriculture,

- (c) limiting the absorption of nutrients by ground and surface water,
- (d) recycling waste materials,

and to submit appropriate proposals by 1977 at the latest since their implementation is urgently necessary for the protection of public health and the environment;

10. Urges that the action taken so far by the European Communities should be substantially strengthened through participation in the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine against Pollution to secure a swift reduction in pollution of the Rhine catchment area;

11. Considers it desirable for the Commission to concentrate its efforts aimed at solving the problems of water availability, distribution and purity primarily on concrete proposals for transfrontier areas, where there is an urgent need for the rational coordination of measures;

12. Regrets that the overall plan announced by the Commission which contains proposals for measures to reduce noise at various levels and sets out a suitable timetable, does not form part of the second programme, and requests the Commission to adopt this overall plan as a matter of urgency and to take note of the opinion of the European Parliament in this matter;

13. Calls upon the Commission to examine at an early date, with a view to maintaining the ozone layer in the atmosphere which protects human beings and animals against excessive ultra-violet solar rays liable to cause skin cancer, whether the propellant gases contained in spray cans are harmful, and if so, to see that unarmful propellant gases are used in future;

14. Endorses the observations contained in the Council resolution of 3 March 1975 ⁽¹⁾ on energy and the environment to the effect that:

- (a) energy-conserving measures are, as a general rule, also measures to preserve the environment and that the principles of sound environmental management, e.g. techniques for recycling and re-using waste materials, may be very important for the conservation of energy and resources in the widest sense,
- (b) despite temporary or long-term supply problems, there should be no lowering of quality standards and no slackening of efforts to protect and improve the environment, nor should those efforts be pursued with any less diligence,
- (c) measures should be taken to reduce even further, as compared with the present situation, the harmful environmental impact of energy production and use;

15. Emphasizes the need for the Community:

- (a) to make the best possible use of all available sources of energy,
- (b) to pursue a policy for the rational use of energy,
- (c) to give more support to research projects in the area of pollution and environmental damage,
- (d) to pursue a policy regarding the siting of nuclear power stations which takes into account economic considerations, the safety and protection of the environment and also the purpose of the common energy policy,
- (e) to implement suitable regulations on the emission of sulphur compounds and thermal discharges,
- (f) to create an agency specializing in the transport, storage and disposal of radioactive waste, and also to carry out stricter supervision and an extensive information campaign.

16. Notes that:

- (a) all sources of energy involve potential hazards for the environment which can and should be reduced as far as possible by the use of appropriate measures,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 168, 25. 7. 1975, p. 2.

- (b) to forgo the use of these sources would, in the last resort, restrict economic and social progress,
- (c) the Regulations currently in force regarding nuclear power stations allow the use and development of nuclear energy.

17. Points out that not only should efforts be made to identify and reduce the negative effects of agriculture on the environment but support must also be given to its positive effects and that sensible and convincing results can only be achieved if technology and practical experience are both put to use in working out common solutions.

18. Requests the Commission to press the Member States for a proper and orderly implementation of the Council Directive of 28 April 1975 on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas ⁽¹⁾ and to report in due course to the European Parliament on the measures taken;

19. Expects the Commission to take full account of the demands made by the European Parliament in its proposal for a Directive on the harmonization of legislation in Member States on the protection of birds which it announced a long time ago but which has still not been submitted;

20. Requests the Council to adopt as soon as possible the proposal for a directive on waste materials resulting from the production of titanium dioxide, taking account of the demands made by the European Parliament, so that the proposed measures may be put into effect at an early date;

21. Reiterates its requests to the Commission to create a Community environmental quality label for long-life products which can be easily recycled into the production process and cause only minimal pollution at the production and consumption stages;

22. Draws attention to the close inter-relationship between environmental protection policy and consumer protection policy, and requests the Commission and the Council to improve coordination of their work in these two important fields;

23. Considers it urgently necessary for the Commission to work together with the Member States in the framework of its information programme and consumer education and protection policy to promote public awareness of and cooperation in the projects already undertaken or planned for the recycling of waste materials;

24. Welcomes the Commission's intention to introduce a scheme for tests of environmental compatibility at Community level, recalls its earlier request to extend this scheme to public projects, and considers it essential for concrete proposals in this field to be submitted by 1978 at the latest;

25. Reminds the Commission of its undertaking, pursuant to point 8 of the Annex to the Council recommendation of 3 March 1975 concerning cost allocation and action by public authorities on environmental matters ⁽²⁾, to honour its obligation to submit to the Council at an early date all the necessary proposals regarding the harmonization of instruments for administering the 'polluter pays' principle and its specific application to the problems of transfrontier pollution;

26. Requests the Commission to submit in the near future a concrete Community programme for safety, hygiene and health protection at work;

27. Is convinced that the success of Community action in the field of environmental protection depends on both satisfactory application of Community legal acts and on effectively harmonized supervision of the measures adopted;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 194, 25. 7. 1975, p. 1.

28. Requests the Commission to honour at an early date its obligation set down in the first programme to publish in an annual report on environmental conditions in the Community the information provided to it by the Member States on the measures they have taken to implement the environmental protection legislation and on the relevant jurisprudence as well as data on improvements made and practical experience gained;

29. Stresses that the public at large has a legitimate right to be informed at least in broad outline of Community action in the field of environmental protection and therefore insists once again on the need for the Commission to publish each year a readily understandable summary of Community activity in the field of environmental protection;

30. Requests the Commission to submit suitable proposals to ensure that schools in the Community provide education in environmental protection and that an exchange takes place of teaching materials and experience gained;

31. Draws attention once again to the need for the Commission, in the framework of Community participation in international environmental protection agreements, to urge its treaty partners to set up watertight control systems, since there are still many gaps in the effective supervision of compliance with these conventions;

32. Considers it essential that on the basis of the CSCE decisions, the Commission should make contact with the East European states bordering on the Community, since these states are faced with similar environmental problems which could be solved by joint agreement to the benefit of all parties concerned;

33. Requests the Commission to ensure that the projects financed by the European Development Fund meet environmental protection requirements in the developing countries;

34. Requests the Commission to submit to the Council a suitably amended and completed proposal for the second environment protection programme, taking into account the above requests, remarks and recommendations.

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 uniform procedure for the exchange of information on the quality of surface fresh water in the Community

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 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 113/76),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 205/76),
1. Welcomes the proposal as a further step towards reducing the pollution of surface water;
 2. Regrets, however, the considerable backlog which has built up with regard to the timetable laid down in the programme of action on the environment of 22 November 1973;
 3. Urges the Commission to add to the list of parameters to be examined at least those parameters which are necessary to verify whether Community legislation on the pollution of surface water is being observed;
 4. Requests the Commission in future to extend the network of sampling or measuring stations so that surveillance of the degree of pollution in rivers can be undertaken efficiently;
 5. Requests the Commission to investigate the feasibility of harmonizing the measuring methods used in order to simplify the exchange and interpretation of information and to submit proposals to this effect at the earliest opportunity;
 6. Requests the Commission to specify when the data should be transmitted to it and also a minimum frequency for the measurements;
 7. Requests the Commission to make following amendments to its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 133, 14. 6. 1976, p. 25.

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 labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary programme of the European Economic Community for a consumer protection and information policy of 14 April 1975 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽²⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 52/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 211/76),

1. Welcomes the proposal for a Directive as an important contribution towards the implementation of the consumer protection programme of the European Economic Community of 14 April 1975, but regrets that only now, 18 years after the establishment of the common market, has the Commission submitted its proposal, despite its importance for consumer policy and repeated calls by the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee;

2. Calls on the Commission in future to forward to the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection all opinions of the Advisory Committee on Foodstuffs and the Consumers' Consultative Committee, so that its committee is in a position to examine the Commission's proposals with full knowledge of the facts;

3. Regrets that the present proposal for a directive does not cover semi-finished foodstuffs, i.e. those requiring further processing or preparation, and therefore calls on the Commission to submit by the end of 1976 an appropriate proposal for a Directive on semi-finished foodstuffs.

4. Points out that the list of terms constituting claims the use of which should be prohibited or restricted, provided for in Article 2, cannot be exhaustive, but can only serve as a guideline, and asks the Council to establish this list not later than the time the Directive enters into force and to consult the European Parliament on the relevant proposal from the Commission beforehand;

5. Considers it essential for existing gaps in the legislation on individual foodstuffs to be filled as quickly as possible by Community Regulations since the maintenance of national regulations, though possible for the time being, may lead to obstacles to trade within the Community in this area;

6. Stresses the need for the consumer to be informed by appropriate indications in cases where foodstuffs contain pesticide residues, so that he can make his purchasing decision in full possession of the facts;

7. Once again insists that manufacturers should be required to make the stipulated indications on product packings for the consumer's information at least in the language or languages of the country of destination, so as to avoid serious confusion and misunderstandings;

8. Holds to its repeatedly expressed view that strict controls are necessary to prevent the use within the Community of products intended for export, and to facilitate such controls, calls for distinctive marking of products to show whether they are intended for consumption in the Community or third countries;

9. Considers it essential, in view of the already considerable delays, for the periods laid down in Article 18 for implementing the Directive to be shortened by one year, which will still leave manufacturers and the trade enough time to make the necessary adjustments and changes;

10. Calls on the Council to take an early decision on the changes necessary to adapt present Community legislation on foodstuffs to this Directive, so that there will not be yet more delays in the long awaited harmonization in this area;

11. Urges the Council, moreover, to meet the obligation it undertook in the consumer protection programme of 14 April 1975 by taking a decision on the Commission's proposal within nine months of its submission;

12. Requests the Commission to incorporate in its proposal the following amendments, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 92, 25. 4. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 91, 22. 4. 1976, p. 3.

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 legal and administrative regulations of the Member States on the provision of safety information at the work place

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 the second paragraph of Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 68/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 217/76),
1. Welcomes the proposal for a Directive as an important step towards the reduction of the number of industrial accidents;
 2. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission hopes to make standardized safety information compulsory in all the Member States, making use of signs which are as simple and striking as possible;
 3. Expresses the hope that the Commission, in a second stage, will add some further necessary signs to its list;
 4. Urges the Commission to propose at an early date further measures detailing the scope and nature of the obligation to display signs, examining, for example, the question how to ensure that signs can be seen properly in poorly lit and very dusty locations;
 5. Requests the Commission to check carefully and continuously whether this directive needs to be adapted to further developments in sign methods and requirements and to take the requisite measures;
 6. Requests the Commission to incorporate in its proposal the following amendment, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 96, 29. 4. 1976, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3015/75 of 17 November 1975 opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for raw or unmanufactured flue-cured Virginia type tobacco

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 228 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 161/76),
 - 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. 207/76),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Underlines, however, that as the European Parliament is only able to give an opinion some weeks after the proposed date of entry into force of the Regulation, it will not be possible for the Regulation to enter into force until later than the date proposed by the Commission;
 3. Welcomes the flexibility shown by the Commission in proposing a measure which will prevent damage to certain countries exporting this type of tobacco.

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 Regulation laying down general rules for the supply of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 programme

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 269 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 183/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 208/76),
 - having regard to the fact that the food situation has continued to deteriorate in many developing countries in recent years,
1. Welcomes the decision of principle of the Council of 2 and 3 March 1976 to increase the amount of food aid to 200 000 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder;
 2. Agrees with the Commission's proposal to increase the supply of skimmed-milk powder in 1976 to 150 000 metric tons, i.e., following the decision on 1 June to supply 55 000 metric tons, to make available a further 95 000 metric tons under the 1976 food-aid programme in the second half of 1976 and to provide for the allocation of the remaining 50 000 metric tons in the 1977 programme;
 3. Supports the Commission's demand that an extra 93 million units of account should be allocated in the budget to finance this programme and urges the Council to approve these appropriations as quickly as possible in order that this aid can be duly supplied in the second half of 1976;
 4. Welcomes the expansion of the skimmed-milk powder programme since the Community is now able to make a positive response to applications received from countries and institutions, which already total 201 195 metric tons;
 5. Considers the increased supply of skimmed-milk powder particularly important because the Community is practically the only supplier of this highly nutritive product;
 6. Considers it essential for moral reasons that parallel with the use of part of the skimmed-milk powder stocks as animal feed, a substantial proportion of the milk-powder mountain, which has already exceeded the million metric tons mark, should be made available to the developing countries;
 7. Takes the view that this will constitute a positive Community response to the appeals made at the World Food Conference and to the requirements of the Second Development Decade;
 8. Supports the Commission's view that the skimmed-milk powder should go mainly to the most severely affected areas but also feels that priority should be given to those countries which are not able to meet their requirements by normal imports;
 9. Warmly welcomes the fact that the Commission draws attention in its communication to possible damage to health which may occur as a result of the use of skimmed-milk powder in the developing countries and emphasizes the fact that everything must be done to avoid any such damage;
 10. Considers it appropriate therefore that the skimmed-milk powder should be processed by the milk and food industry of the countries receiving the aid;
 11. Notes with satisfaction the Commission's intention to draw up a multiannual programme for the planned supplies of aid to enable the countries concerned to receive and process these supplies and, where appropriate, make allowance for them in particular development projects;
 12. Considers it appropriate to adopt the principle of a tendering procedure to ensure that delivery is effected at the most favourable rates but also takes the view that in particularly urgent cases non-bureaucratic methods could be used;
 13. Hopes that everything will be done to ensure that supplies actually reach those in need;
 14. Calls on the Commission, when assigning priorities in development policy, to give the highest precedence to the development of agricultural infrastructures in the developing countries in order to increase their degree of self-sufficiency;
 15. Stresses in conclusion that food aid must not be dependent on the vicissitudes of the common agricultural market, but should be granted for humanitarian reasons and must therefore be a permanent, integral part of the Community's overall development policy.

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 limitation of noise emission from subsonic aircraft

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 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 59/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinion of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 199/76),
1. Notes that the type and level of noise emission from aircraft and the increase in air traffic have led to a steady deterioration of the environment, placing an intolerable burden on people living near airports;
 2. Welcomes the Commission's proposal, therefore, as a first step towards a substantial reduction of the noise nuisance caused by aircraft;
 3. Is convinced that with its binding character, the Directive is the only appropriate legal instrument for the Community measures envisaged to limit aircraft noise, since the present international agreements in this field consist simply of non-mandatory recommendations, which are unlikely to be put into effect in the foreseeable future because of the lengthy ratification process;
 4. Calls upon the Commission to submit in the near future similar proposals for the limitation of noise emission from other categories of aircraft, in particular from heavy propeller aircraft, short take-off aircraft and helicopters, drawing on the studies currently being made by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO);
 5. Stresses the need for further Community Regulations on noise abatement facilities at airports with nearby residential areas, creating noise protection zones for the people living there;
 6. Insists that in a spirit of cooperation and mutual trust between the Member States, the EEC aircraft noise limitation certificate provided for in Article 3 of the proposal for a Directive must remain valid and binding throughout the Community even if the aircraft in question is registered in another Member State;
 7. Urges that the provisions for checking on compliance with the regulations in the proposal be stringently and uniformly framed, since only in this way can their effectiveness and total application be guaranteed;
 8. Considers it furthermore essential for the enforcement of the Directive that Member States should be required to prohibit take-off and landing on their territory of any aircraft which do not comply with the noise emission standards laid down in the Directive;
 9. Insists that the 18-month period before the proposal comes into effect — which it considers generous — should be strictly adhered to in the interests of the population exposed to noise nuisances;
 10. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 126, 9. 6. 1976, p. 2.

RESOLUTION
on the Puerto Rico Summit Conference

The European Parliament,

- having taken note of the outcome of the Summit Conference on economic problems held on 26 and 27 June on the initiative of Mr Gerald Ford, President of the United States,
 - having regard to the fact that the subjects discussed by the participants were among the problems which the Paris Summit Conference of December 1974 had expressly stated fell within the Community's sphere of competence,
1. Profoundly regrets that certain Member States of the EEC accepted the invitation without any prior consultation within the Community institutions;
 2. Deplores the fact that none of the Community institutions were able to participate in this Conference;
 3. Expresses its deepest concern at the fact that such a Conference might be called again since an initiative of this kind would call into question the *raison d'être* of the Community institutions, and in this connection urgently appeals to each Member State's sense of responsibility towards the EEC;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION
on the ill-treatment of Vladimir Bukovsky

The European Parliament,

- concerned that Vladimir Bukovsky, imprisoned for exposing the psychiatric abuses of the Soviet prison system, is in danger of dying from lack of proper food and medical treatment,
1. Considers this a violation of human rights and an obstacle to the improvement of *détente* between East and West;
 2. Draws attention to the Soviet Government's neglect of those parts of the Helsinki Final Act which guarantee respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;
 3. Issues an urgent appeal to the Soviet Government to cease their present ill-treatment of Bukovsky and other political prisoners, in the light of the Helsinki Agreement;
 4. 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 respect of democratic freedoms and human rights in Argentina

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the suppression of human rights in Argentina,
1. Deeply regrets the indefinite suspension of constitutional guarantees following the accession to power of the military junta in March 1976;

2. Deplores the fact that the situation as regards human rights is steadily deteriorating, as can be seen from the numerous political assassinations, and that the safety of many Latin American democrats who have found refuge in this country no longer seems to be guaranteed;
3. Expresses in particular its concern and deep regret at the assassination of Mr Gutierrez Ruiz, last President of the Uruguayan Parliament, who had sought refuge in Argentina and who had courageously spoken out against the suppression of democratic freedoms at the second meeting between the European Parliament and the Latin American Parliament in Luxembourg in November 1975;
4. Asks the Council to take all the necessary steps to ensure that the positions of the Member States are harmonized in the broadest possible sense in respect of the exercise of the right of asylum in their embassies in Buenos Aires;
5. Asks the Council to inform the Governments of the Member States of its concern and request them to notify the Argentinian authorities of this concern, notably during the visit of Argentinian officials to the European Community;
6. Instructs its President to take the necessary steps to obtain all available information on the safety of the Argentinian members of the Latin American Parliament, with which it has close relations.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the second list of requests to carry forward appropriations from the financial year 1975 to the financial year 1976 (appropriations not automatically carried forward)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list submitted by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 258),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 6 (2) of the Financial Regulation ⁽¹⁾ of the European Communities (Doc. 159/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 218/76),
1. Reiterates the view it expressed in resolutions on this matter in previous years ⁽²⁾ and in the resolution on the first list of requests for the non-automatic carrying forward of appropriations to the financial year 1976 ⁽³⁾, namely that, while such requests may be a necessary part of flexible financial management, they should nevertheless be of an exceptional character;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 116, 1. 5. 1973.

⁽²⁾ Most recently in OJ No C 128, 9. 6. 1975 and OJ No C 157, 14. 7. 1975.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 125, 8. 6. 1976, p. 31.

2. Recalls its earlier expression of concern as regards the possible danger which the abuse of the carry-forward procedure could pose for Parliament's role in the budgetary sphere ⁽¹⁾;
3. Draws particular attention in this connection to the following points:
 - the carrying forward of appropriations causes an implicit accumulation in the following budget of expenditure residues which are not evident from the budget itself,
 - such a procedure impairs budgetary transparency, and
 - the expenditure residues not only give rise to problems of approval, but also make the auditing of accounts more difficult;
4. Declares that it will make a very careful study of those aspects of the proposed new version of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 relating to the institutionalization of a system of commitment authorizations with a view to assessing the need to continue with the system of non-automatic carry forwards;
5. Deplores the Commission's failure this year to meet the deadline laid down by Article 6 (2) of the Financial Regulation;
6. Approves the non-automatic carrying forward of appropriations pursuant to Article 6 (1) (b) of the Financial Regulation amounting to:
 - (a) 386 842 u.a. (Chapter 27 'Expenditure on publishing and information', Article 270) in respect of the 'Commission' section of the budget,
 - (b) 2 434 288.36 u.a. (Chapter 33 'Expenditure on research and investment', Article 330) in respect of the 'Commission' section,
 - (c) 8 078 079.99 u.a. (Chapter 53 'Social Fund — expenditure provided for under Article 125 (1) (a) of the EEC Treaty', Article 530) in respect of the 'Commission' section, and
 - (d) 5 688 606.68 u.a. (Chapter 92 'Food aid in the form of cereals', item 9201, 1975 programme) in respect of the 'Commission' section;
7. Approves, therefore, all the requests to carry forward appropriations from the financial year 1975 to the financial year 1976 (appropriations not carried forward automatically) which, together with those in the first list, which were dealt with in a separate motion for a resolution, amount to 140 891 276.34 u.a. in respect of the 'Commission' section of the budget and 20 000 u.a. in respect of Annex I (Economic and Social Committee) of the 'Council' section;
8. Welcomes the percentage decrease — in terms of the 1976 budget as a whole — in the carrying forward of appropriations;
9. Will devote further attention to the question of carry forwards, especially those aspects relating to the control of expenditure and multi-year budgeting, in the context of its deliberations on the proposal for a Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 157, 14. 7. 1975, p. 95.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a multiannual research programme of the Joint Research Centre (1977 to 1980)

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 (doc. 145/76),
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on Community research in the context of the JRC and in particular the resolution on the conditions for a fresh start in Community research at the JRC ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy and Research and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 283/76),
1. Notes that the proposals for the future multiannual research programme form part of an overall concept for a multiannual Community research and development policy as recently drawn up by the Commission;
 2. Believes that the research activities proposed by the Commission correspond to the guidelines on the role of the JRC recently drawn up by Parliament ⁽²⁾;
 3. Welcomes the fact that the research activities were selected according to the criterion of being in the interest of the Community and therefore correspond to clearly defined objectives;
 4. Approves the fact that the direct research programme concentrates on a limited number of research topics, a policy Parliament had often recommended in the past;
 5. Expresses its agreement with the priority accorded by the Commission to research projects in the energy field;
 6. Points out that the direct research projects in the new energy sectors (especially solar energy) and the environment sector must play a support role with regard to indirect action in these sectors;
 7. Takes note of the Commission's statement that the JRC possesses competent and qualified staff for the implementation of these two kinds of action;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 147, 29. 6. 1976, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 125, 8. 6. 1976, pp. 16 to 18.

8. Calls on the Council, in accordance with its responsibilities, to obtain in future full information on the Joint Research Centre — particularly on the scientific and technical qualifications of the staff ⁽¹⁾ — and to take note of the information provided by the Commission;
9. Expects the Council, in its decision on nuclear fusion, not to confine itself to indirect action but also to approve the JRC projects proposed in this field and to state its position in regard to the location of JET;
10. Points out that the proposed amendments of the Staff Regulations of the Communities in respect of the future regime for JRC staff will probably constitute only an initial step towards achieving a maximum degree of mobility of research staff;
11. Emphasizes again that the lack of a common industrial policy hampers the realization and full implementation of a common research and development policy;
12. Calls on the Commission to strengthen, especially in the key research sectors, the policy of cooperation with third countries working on similar projects, and on the Council to simplify the necessary decision-making procedures;
13. Believes that the structure of the budget for the future programme shows a more even balance between administrative and investment appropriations on the one hand and appropriations for staff expenditure on the other, and consequently represents a marked improvement; therefore considers it essential that this structure should be safeguarded by providing for the annual adjustment of the total volume of the budget to meet changes in costs and incomes;
14. Requests the Commission to submit a precise and readily comprehensible report to Parliament, on completion of the programme, on the progress achieved in implementing the research projects and an evaluation of their cost effectiveness;
15. Hopes that the machinery recommended by the Commission for the implementation and reorientation of the programme will be supplemented by checks, and possibly also by expert opinions, as to the completion of the individual sections of the programme;
16. Stresses that direct Community research should not only have a pilot function resulting from the coordination of the research policy of the Community but must also, through its implementation, contribute to forging closer links with and among national research projects;
17. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendment in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

(1) OJ No C 139, 21. 6. 1976, p. 14.

RESOLUTION

on the present state of economic and commercial relations between the Community and Canada and embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the Framework Agreement for commercial and economic cooperation between Canada and the European Communities

The European Parliament,

— aware of the political, economic, historical and cultural ties between Canada and the countries of the European Communities,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 213/76),
- having regard to the Framework Agreement signed on 6 July 1976 between Canada and the European Communities,
- believing that there is great scope for economic cooperation, reciprocal investment and exchange of technology as also for expansion of trade between the two partners,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinions of the Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Energy and Research (Doc. 287/76),

1. Recalls that Canada's position as the Communities' second most important trading partner, her high level of industrialisation and her wealth in raw materials, together with her need for know-how and investment, all make her a natural economic partner for the Communities;
2. Considers that these favourable conditions are reinforced by the cultural and historical links which exist between Europe and Canada;
3. Welcomes, therefore, the signing of the Framework Agreement for commercial and economic cooperation between Canada and the European Communities;
4. Stresses that this is the first bilateral non-preferential agreement to be concluded between the Communities and an industrialized country;
5. Stresses that Article III (4) provides that the Agreement shall in no way affect the powers of the Member States of the Communities to engage in bilateral activities with Canada in the field of economic cooperation or to conclude new economic agreements with Canada, and urges that this article should not be interpreted in such a way as to restrict the activities of the Communities;
6. Regrets that it has not proved possible to overcome the difficulties encountered with respect to the principle of equal access to natural resources;
7. Hopes that existing cooperation between Canada and certain Member States in the field of heavy water reactors will be intensified;
8. Hopes that the Canadian Foreign Investment Review Act will not be an obstacle to investments by the Communities;
9. Calls for the swift and continuing implementation of the agreement, particularly by such practical means as the exchange of contacts which has recently taken place between the forestry, non-ferrous metal and natural uranium industries of both parties;
10. Would welcome, in view of the success of existing contacts between the Canadian and European Parliaments, and of the importance of the present Agreement, the setting up of joint institutions between the two parliaments;
11. Suggests that subcommittees begin as soon as possible to tackle the problems of energy and research policy;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission and to the Government and Parliament of Canada.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 161, 14. 7. 1976, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

on the report of the Commission of the European Communities on the development of the social situation in the Community in 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Commission of the European Communities on the development of the social situation in the Community in 1975 (Doc. 44/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (doc. 164/76),
1. Thanks the Commission for submitting such an exhaustive and detailed document;
 2. Regrets that in view of the steady deterioration in the economic situation in 1975 the European Council was unable to decide on joint action, although in each of its meetings since the end of 1972 — particularly that in December 1974 — it recognized that 'above all, vigorous and coordinated action must be taken to deal with the problem of employment', while reserving its decision as to whether and to what extent it would be necessary to increase the resources of the Social Fund ⁽¹⁾;
 3. Realizes how little a report on a period now ended, in this case the year 1975, can say about the current situation, and therefore refers to the continuing preparatory discussions for the tripartite conference on 24 June 1976 ⁽²⁾;
 4. Notes with astonishment that despite steadily increasing unemployment throughout 1975 (an average increase of 50 % compared with the same period in the previous year), a fall in the number of vacancies (approximately 5.5 million unemployed to 500 000 vacancies) and persistent inflation ranging from less than 10 % up to 26 %, the proposals and demands already made have not been firmly acted upon;
 5. Urges immediate implementation of the proposal on extensive coordination of employment policy in Community Member States submitted to the Council in April 1975;

⁽¹⁾ Marras report on the development of the social situation in 1974 (OJ No C 239, 20. 10. 1975, p. 29).

⁽²⁾ Glinne report on employment and stability (Doc. 160/76).

6. Supports the Commission in its efforts to coordinate exchange of information on unemployment problems, prospects and priorities in each country and advocates joint research into the employment problems of particular groups of workers with special emphasis on opportunities offered by existing national employment policy instruments;
7. Notes that, apart from the disturbing overall situation, consideration of methods of overcoming the crisis in the short or medium term is made all the more difficult by the fact that the crisis is a structural rather than cyclical one, all the more serious because of its unequal effects on different sectors and social groups;
8. Stresses that in addition to older workers the social groups most seriously affected are young persons, women and migrant workers and that youth unemployment in particular will give rise to long-term social problems, bearing in mind that in some countries of the Community half the unemployed persons are under 25 and are seeking their first job after leaving school;
9. Therefore urges the Commission and the Council too take immediate steps to provide Social Fund aid for the training and employment of unemployed youth to adjust the resources of the fund accordingly and to investigate possibilities for voluntary early retirement, if necessary on an experimental basis;
10. Considers it particularly important that cooperation between national employment authorities be improved with a view to clarifying the situation on the labour market through SEDOC, the European system for circularizing vacancies and jobs wanted under international clearance;
11. Hopes for a concerted policy in the field of general education and vocational training and at the same time an improvement in the quality of vocational guidance, to afford a clearer picture of opportunities on the labour market, and lays particular emphasis on the need for employment authorities to cooperate on cross-frontier movement;
12. Insists that the Commission and the Council should take steps to put an end to discrimination against women at work through an explicitly formulated policy of equal treatment for men and women, taking into account the relevant judgments of the European Court of Justice;
13. Points out that in view of the structural divergences on the national labour markets, the employment of migrant workers on the present scale will continue to be necessary, and urges the Commission and the Council to put a stop to the distinctions and the occasional discrimination found in national regulations regarding migrant workers, and to afford migrant workers the humanly and economically adequate treatment that is their due;
14. Urges the Council and the Commission to ensure that in the event of any amendments to national regulations on family allowances, the purchasing power of lower income groups is not affected;
15. Fears that the discussions already held in 1974 and 1975 cannot be continued indefinitely in the same way without overtaxing the patience of the people of Europe, given the paucity of tangible political results so far achieved;
16. Therefore makes a most urgent appeal to the Council and Commission to pay heed to the generally held view that solutions to the problems of growing structural, regional and sectoral friction can only have relevance at Community level, and to refrain from further repetitive declarations of intent.
17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission.

RESOLUTION

on the second request for the unfreezing of appropriations entered under certain chapters of the statement of expenditure relating to research and investment activities of the budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Amendment No 11 adopted by the European Parliament when considering the draft budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year and, in particular, Chapter 33 of Section III, Commission ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 18 June 1976 concerning a first request for the unfreezing of appropriations ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Commission's request for the unfreezing of appropriations (Doc. 273/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 292/76),

1. Notes with regret that the Council's delay in taking the programme decisions for the JET project and, more generally, in implementing the multiannual research and investment programmes, necessarily results in the piecemeal utilization of the appropriations earmarked for research and thus hampers the continuity of activities in this field;

2. Feels that the Council's policy is in conflict with the need for budgetary clarity and transparency;

3. Requests the Council to take an overall decision permitting the normal utilization of the appropriations for which provision is made in the budget for 1976;

4. Authorizes the unfreezing of four million units of account in commitment appropriations and 1.8 million units of account in payment appropriations ⁽⁴⁾ for the financing of Community research programmes and regards the unfreezing of these appropriations above all as concrete proof of the Community's intention to go ahead with the JET project;

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 7, 12. 1. 1976, p. 55.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 66, 15. 3. 1976, p. 306.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 159, 12. 7. 1976, p. 37.

⁽⁴⁾ See table annexed to the explanatory statement.

RESOLUTION

on direct elections to the European Parliament by universal suffrage

The European Parliament

- having regard to its resolutions of 14 January 1975 (Doc. 368/74) ⁽¹⁾, 11 March 1976 (Doc. 11/76) ⁽²⁾, 7 April 1976 (Doc. 45/76) ⁽³⁾ and 16 June 1976 (Doc. 174/76) ⁽⁴⁾,
 - having regard to the undertaking given by the European Council on 12 and 13 July 1976 that the act concerning the election of the European Parliament would be signed by the end of July,
 - deploring the decision by the Council of the Communities on 27 July to postpone the signing until its meeting of 20 September 1976,
 - considering that any further delay in the approval of the act by the Council would jeopardize the implementation of the European Council's decision that the elections should take place on the date fixed by it,
 - convinced of the need to broaden as soon as possible the democratic basis of the Community by election of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage,
1. Calls upon the Council of the Communities to finally sign the act at its meeting of 20 September 1976;
 2. Insists that the European Council's decision of 2 December 1975 in Rome that the election will take place in May/June 1978 should be respected;
 3. Notes the total number of seats and their distribution between the Member States decided by the European Council on 12 July 1976 and declares its agreement thereto;
 4. Calls upon the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States to put the ratification procedures in hand as soon as possible after the signing of the legal act and to adopt the necessary implementing measures so that the election can take place on the agreed date;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 32, 11. 2. 1975, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 79, 5. 4. 1976, p. 27.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 100, 3. 5. 1976, p. 24.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 159, 12. 7. 1976, p. 23.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the draft Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the letter from the Council of the European Communities concerning the draft Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 (Doc. 245/76),
 - having regard to the meeting between a delegation from the European Parliament and the Council on 22 July 1976,
 - aware of the difficulties posed by the opening of the budgetary procedure for 1977 before full agreement could be reached on the Commission's proposals concerning a general review of the Financial Regulation,
 - having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 296/76),
1. Approves the Council's suggestions for an Interim Regulation providing a legal basis for commitment appropriations;
 2. Recalls its firm intention to proceed, as soon as possible and before adoption of the 1977 budget, with the general review of the Financial Regulation, in the light of the strengthening of the European Parliament's budgetary powers as a result of the signing of the Treaty of 22 July 1975;
 3. Considers it vital, therefore, that the dialogue between the institutions should proceed immediately on the other points arising from the Commission's proposals;
 4. Underlines once again the interim nature of this draft Regulation which is to apply to the 1977 budget only.

RESOLUTION

on draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 of the European Communities for the financial year 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary draft supplementary budget,
 - having regard to the draft supplementary budget (Doc. 261/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 293/76),
1. Notes that the additional appropriations requested are intended mainly for financing green currency and agricultural expenditure;
 2. Calls on the Commission to submit, before 1 January 1977, proposals designed to create the necessary conditions for cutting back drastically and permanently the inflation in green currency expenditure;
 3. Declares its resolve to strengthen its control over Community agricultural legislation in order to make up for the inadequacy of budgetary authorization in this area;
 4. Notes the new estimates of own resources, which should make it possible to finance additional expenditure, reduce Member States' financial contributions and show surplus revenue in the 1976 budget;
 5. Approves draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 for the financial year 1976 and instructs its President to declare it finally adopted.

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 organization of the market in potatoes

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 Articles 42 and 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 512/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 158/76),
- having regard to the second report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 289/76),

1. Welcomes the realization of a simple common organization of the market in the potato sector because of the need to harmonize disparate national regulations so as to be able to ensure unimpeded liberalization of trade in this sector;
2. Realizes the special difficulties involved in establishing a common organization of the market in potatoes, particularly in view of the varying production structures in the Member States and the nature of the product itself, which is particularly susceptible to the vagaries of climate and variations in price and yield;
3. Approves the principle of making groups of producers responsible for managing supply and stabilizing the market, as well as the measures designed to encourage the formation of such groups; considers, however, that the three-year period for granting initial aid for setting up groups of producers is too short to allow the groups to organize themselves and calls on the Commission to provide for an extension of this period;
4. Deplores the inadequacy of the means available for regulating market supply since the producer groups at present control only about 5 % of all potato production and 10 % of ware potato production, a fact which considerably reduces the scope of the Regulation, particularly as regards the effectiveness of the proposed market support measures;
5. Considers therefore that regulation of the market in potatoes cannot be achieved until a Community monitoring system is introduced giving continuous information on the quantities of ware potatoes on the market.
6. Calls on the Commission to consider other methods consistent with this Regulation of adjusting market supply in such a way that production and marketing are adequately geared to the specific requirements of the consumer;
7. Considers that special efforts should be made as regards the processing industry, stressing in this connection the importance of Community action to improve long-term profitability;
8. Approves of the market intervention rules which allow account to be taken of the special characteristics of new potatoes;
9. Hopes that the Commission will pursue its studies with a view to introducing simpler and less costly alternatives for disposing of surpluses of ware potatoes;
10. Insists that the quality standards proposed should be set at a high level so as to discourage the production of inferior quality potatoes and to promote the marketing of good varieties only and that provision should be made at Community level for effective supervision of these standards;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 61, 17. 3. 1976, p. 2.

11. Considers that the phytosanitary rules in force in the Member States, which are liable to prejudice free trade, should be harmonized, with the provision that precautions against the risk of illness must be maintained;
12. Draws the Commission's attention in particular to the importance of guaranteeing regular supplies to the consumer at reasonable prices so as to counter possible fluctuations in volume of production and prices of the kind recently experienced;
13. Expresses doubt as to whether the Regulation in the form proposed by the Commission, can lead in the immediate future to a satisfactory balance between supply and demand on the market, but regards the proposal as a point of departure for Community action, which can be backed up by other stabilizing instruments adapted to the special characteristics of the potato market;
14. Approves the Commission's proposal, subject to the following amendments;
15. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

RESOLUTION

on the state of the north/south dialogue

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the answer of the Commission of the European Communities,

1. Recalls that the Community and the Member States play a large part in the north/south dialogue which is of the highest importance for both the EEC and the developing countries;
2. Therefore expects the Community to demonstrate clearly its determination to reach a positive conclusion, particularly as regards the debts of the developing countries and the need to preserve their purchasing power;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

RESOLUTION

on the fifth report of the Commission of the European Communities on competition policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the fifth report of the Commission of the European Communities on competition policy,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 243/76),

1. Welcomes the Commission's achievement in maintaining progress in the field of competition policy, which has helped to strengthen the common market despite the current severe international economic problems, but deplors the Commission's lack of adequate means and liaison between its departments in counteracting the growing concentration of business companies with their particular contribution to inflation;
2. Stresses, however, the need for the Commission to extend the scope and application of its competition policy to ensure that the whole range of Community activity is covered;
3. Urges the Commission, therefore, to consider how competition policy might fruitfully be applied to such diverse areas as social policy, the approximation of laws, the relations between the EEC and State-trading countries, the accession of new Member States, the common agricultural policy, fishing policy, and the law of the Sea;
4. Regrets the absence from the Fifth Report of any mention of the competition aspects of energy policy, of consumer protection, of credit institutions, of the relationship between Community and national law, or of industrial policy, fields in which competition policy clearly has a role to play and to which the European Parliament has referred in previous resolutions;
5. Regrets also that insufficient progress has been made in removing obstacles to competition in the granting of public contracts;
6. Notes that there has also been insufficient progress in harmonizing export credits;
7. Stresses the importance for the Commission to monitor developments in Member States' national competition policies, with a view to determining whether or not they are in tune with the aims of a Community competition policy, and calls on the Commission to include an analysis of such developments in its future reports;
8. Urges the Commission to adopt an unambiguous policy on patent licensing, without which it is difficult for undertakings to align their activities with the requirements of the Community and reiterates, therefore, its request to the Commission to work out precise guidelines for the content of patent agreements which could both ensure the essential protection for the granter and avoid restraints on marketing contrary to the concept of a single market;
9. Wonders why the Commission has not included in its fifth report evidence of its continuing investigations into price discrepancies which might indicate distortions of competition, on which it reported in its fourth report, especially in view of the desirability of competition policy playing a role in combating inflation;
10. Supports the Commission's efforts to prevent unfair practices such as price-fixing, as exemplified by its action against United Brands, Hoffmann-La Roche and others;
11. Welcomes the new principles for coordinating regional aid throughout the Community which the Commission has worked out, and places the greatest possible importance on the implementation of these principles;

12. Calls on the Commission to continue its efforts to ensure that any aids granted by Member States do contribute to the necessary restructuring of the economy, and do not simply preserve obsolete industrial structures or transfer difficulties from one Member State to another;
13. Welcomes the Commission's adoption of guidelines for judging selective distribution agreements, but hopes for continued development in this field, with a view to amplifying these basic principles;
14. Urges the Commission to investigate and develop the role which competition policy could play in helping small- and medium-sized firms;
15. Awaits with interest the results of the Commission's examination of the business conduct of public undertakings, and the Directive which it is preparing in this field;
16. Expresses once again its regret that the Council has still not adopted the Regulation on the control of concentrations between undertakings, and urges the Council to adopt this proposal, in the form approved by Parliament, without delay; expects the Commission to continue its investigations into industrial concentration within the Community and to undertake a specific commitment for future action on the proposed merger control Regulation.
17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission and 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 Directive coordinating the conditions for the admission of securities to official stock exchange quotation

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 54 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 556/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 236/76),
1. Notes that although the coordination measures in the proposed Directive will allow some progress to be made towards the free movement of capital, they still leave a wide margin of discretion to Member States, thus jeopardizing the very aims of the Directive;
 2. Calls upon the Commission, therefore, to draw up and submit to the Council, as soon as possible, a further proposal laying down, in a common procedure independent of the national procedures, minimum conditions subject to which an issuer in one Member State may have securities admitted to official quotation on stock exchanges in other Member States without having to fulfil stricter or additional national requirements;
 3. Notes, moreover, that the Directive does not envisage the coordination of procedural formalities which, in certain cases, may cause substantial delays in dealing with applications for the admission of securities to quotation;
 4. Asks the Commission, therefore, to take steps to ensure that these formalities are coordinated;
 5. Believes that public bodies should also be subject to the provisions of the Directive;
 6. Feels that there should be greater rights of appeal against the decisions of the national authorities responsible for the admission of securities to quotation;
 7. Asks the Commission to submit to the Council as soon as possible a proposal for a Directive on the freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services for stockbrokers, as an essential precondition for easier access to the buying and selling of securities at Community level.
 8. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 56, 10. 3. 1976, p. 2.

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 provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to customs debt

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 127),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 104/76),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on External Economic relations and the opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 237/76),
1. Welcomes this proposal for a Directive inasmuch as it represents an important contribution to the establishment of the customs union;
 2. Hopes that the Directive will be implemented by all the Member States on 1 January 1977;
 3. Approves the Commission's proposal, but requests it to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the amended 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 amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 534 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 465/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 206/76),
 - recalling that the proposal is an amended version of a proposal which it has already considered and given its opinion upon,
 - welcoming the fact that the Council, recognizing the importance of the proposed amendments to the original proposal, has decided to consult it on the new text,
1. Expresses its satisfaction that the Commission has not only accepted so many of the amendments it proposed to the original proposal, but has also made the new proposal more flexible in its application;
 2. Considers, as regards the 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;
 3. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

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 Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 on the granting of a conversion premium in the wine sector
- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 827/68 on the common organization of the market in certain products listed in Annex II to the Treaty
- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provision relating to quality wines produced in specified regions
- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2893/74 on sparkling wines produced in the Community and defined in item 12 of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 and Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions

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 pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 250/76, Doc. 238/76, Doc. 234/76 and Doc. 235/76),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 285/76),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 181, 5. 8. 1976, p. 9; OJ No C 166, 21. 7. 1976, pp. 3 and 4; and OJ No C 161, 14. 7. 1976, p. 7.

RESOLUTION
on the Friuli earthquake

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report drawn up by Lord Bessborough who, in May 1976, visited the areas of Friuli devastated by the earthquake,
- having regard to the unanimous declaration of support for the victims made by all the political groups during the debate at the plenary sitting of the European Parliament on 14 June 1976,
- mindful of the further deaths and the enormous damage brought about by the recent earthquakes in Friuli, already hard hit by repeated shock waves,
- having noted the appeal by the Committee on Budgets on 24 September 1976 for urgent material help for the victims of the recent earthquake in Friuli,
- considering that the most urgent problem for those affected, especially in view of the approaching winter, is that of housing,

1. Appeals urgently to all the Member States to make available as soon as possible to the inhabitants remaining in Friuli a sufficient number of mobile or prefabricated homes;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the Governments of the Member States.

RESOLUTION

on the further consultation of the European Parliament on proposals amended or withdrawn
by the Commission

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission Decision of 28 April 1976 to withdraw some of its drafts and proposals to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- bearing in mind that the European Parliament has delivered an opinion on these proposals,
- taking account of the statement made by the Council to the Parliament, according to which when an amended Commission proposal is submitted after an initial consultation of the European Parliament, the latter should be consulted for a second time if the amendments go beyond the material content of the original proposal,
- referring to its resolution of 17 October 1967 ⁽²⁾, in which the European Parliament demanded that it must be 'consulted on all the main provisions of those texts' even if to this end several consultations on one and the same text were necessary,
- starting from the premise that the Treaties establishing the European Communities contain no express provisions on the withdrawal of proposals,
- having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 239/76),

1. Notes that the submission of a proposal from the Commission to the Council in itself gives a legal status to the proposal;

2. Notes that this legal status finds expression primarily in the European Parliament's right — in those cases provided for in the Treaties — to be consulted on the proposal;

3. Notes further that the rights devolving in this way on the European Parliament subsist until the proposal is adopted without amendments;

4. Notes that the withdrawal of a proposal may have considerable political significance;

5. Declares that it considers the withdrawal of a proposal as an amendment in the above sense;

6. Considers that before the Commission may amend or withdraw a proposal submitted to the Council, it must consult the European Parliament where the Council has already requested consultation on the original proposal;

7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 130, 12. 6. 1976, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ No 268, 6. 11. 1967, p. 8.

RESOLUTION

on the preparation, conduct and outcome of the fourth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the communications from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council of 4 February 1976 (COM(76) 39 fin.) and 31 March 1976 (COM(76) 139 fin.),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 333/76),

1. Emphasizes that UNCTAD, for all its faults, is the world's major forum for discussion of questions relating to development and therefore hopes that the EEC will not be limited to an observer's role;
2. Regrets that the Member States and the EEC itself on the basis of a common political will did not prepare UNCTAD IV in the same depth as the Group of '77' which, by publishing its Manila Plan several months before the Conference opened, was in a position to take the initiative on many points;
3. Notes that, at the conference, only partial cohesion was achieved between the Member States and that internal dissension prevented the EEC from taking fuller advantage of the credit it enjoys with the developing countries;
4. Recognizes the need for a major change in relations between developing and industrialized countries, but emphasizes its agreement with Secretary-General Gamani Corea that unsatisfactory internal structures cannot be modified by international measures alone but require a greater striving for justice within the countries themselves;
5. Urges the Council and the Member States to accept the principle of a 'new world economic order' based on rights and obligations both of the developing countries and the industrialized countries, taking into account the growing interdependence of the various factors that shape the world economy;
6. Affirms the need to improve the real income of the developing countries by increasing their export earnings and by protecting them against wild and excessive fluctuations in these earnings;
7. Requests the Community and its Member States, in this respect, to push ahead with their efforts to achieve a better organization of basic trade, with particular emphasis on the integrated programme for commodities, a study of which was approved in Nairobi;
8. Recommends — while recognizing that a general moratorium would not be in the interests of the developing countries — that an urgent study be undertaken, case by case, of the developing countries' debt burden, and that an operation be set up and criteria determined for the poorest countries within an appropriate international context;
9. Approves the resolutions adopted at UNCTAD IV concerning the transfer of technologies and requests the EEC and its Member States to cooperate actively in drawing up an international code of conduct for the transfer of techniques designed to meet the specific needs of the developing countries;
10. Emphasizes that UNCTAD involves a continuous and progressive effort and that the results of a Conference depend to a large extent on the reactions of other international authorities;
11. Therefore urges the appropriate authorities of the EEC and the competent committees of the Parliament to follow closely the implementation of the programmes decided in Nairobi, to make sure that the timetable is adhered to and to report to Parliament on the progress made;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission and, for information, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the cooperation Agreements concluded between the European Economic Community and

- the Republic of Tunisia
- the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
- the Kingdom of Morocco

The European Parliament

- having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Article 238 of the Treaty establishing the EEC, on the cooperation Agreements concluded between the European Economic Community and
 - the Republic of Tunisia
 - the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
 - the Kingdom of Morocco (Doc. 306/76),
 - recalling its resolutions of 15 March 1973 ⁽¹⁾ on the consequences of the enlargement of the European Community for its relations with the Mediterranean countries and of 18 December 1975 ⁽²⁾ on recent developments in the Community's Mediterranean policy,
 - having regard to the report of its Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinions of the Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education, the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 307/76),
1. Welcomes the signing, in April 1976, of the overall cooperation Agreements between the Community and the Republic of Tunisia, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the Kingdom of Morocco;
 2. Considers that these Agreements, which will establish closer economic, trade, financial and social links between the parties, mark a decisive step forward, following the entry into force of the Agreement concluded with the State of Israel and the Protocol extending the Association Agreement with Malta, in the implementation of the Community's overall Mediterranean policy, the need for which has long been stressed by Parliament;
 3. Believes, moreover, that these Agreements bear witness to the Community's desire to establish a new pattern of relations between developed and developing states and to participate in the creation of a new world economic order corresponding more closely to the interests of the latter;
 4. Approves the content of the Interim Agreements which provide for advance implementation of the main provisions relating to trade;
 5. Calls on the Commission to draw up measures to compensate for the possible harmful effect of the implementation of these Agreements on certain Community regions or certain sectors of Community production;
 6. Feels, for these reasons, that the Community must immediately adopt specific measures to compensate for the damage suffered by these regions or in these sectors, as the need arises, by making provision for aid from the European Social Fund and the Regional Fund;
 7. Reiterates its concern over the way in which preferences granted by the Community to those associated countries, which may become Member States, have been eroded as a result of the implementation of the Community's Mediterranean policy and urges the Commission and the Council to submit concrete proposals so as to respect fully the spirit of the Association Agreements;
 8. Regrets that the Interim Agreements entered into force on 1 July 1976 before Parliament had delivered its opinion on the content of the cooperation Agreements, and in particular on their financing;
 9. Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure that those clauses of the Agreements which prohibit discrimination against Member States, their citizens or undertakings are scrupulously respected;
 10. Declares that it is prepared to establish as soon as possible regular contacts with a delegation from the Tunisian National Assembly, and with the appropriate representatives of Algeria and Morocco and asks the Cooperation Council set up by each of the three Agreements to take the appropriate measures to this end;
 11. Calls for the conciliation procedure with the Council to be opened in respect of the budgetization of aid and special loans for the three Maghreb countries before the cooperation Agreements are brought into effect.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 19, 12. 4. 1973, p. 34.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 7, 12. 1. 1976, p. 36.

RESOLUTION

on the report of the Commission of the European Communities on the protection of fundamental rights

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolutions of 4 April 1973 ⁽¹⁾, 10 July 1975 ⁽²⁾ and 15 June 1976 ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Commission's report on the protection of fundamental rights (COM(76) 37 fin.) ⁽⁴⁾,
- having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 321/76),

as regards the Commission's report

1. Welcomes the submission by the Commission of the report requested by Parliament on how the former intends in the creation and development of European law, to prevent any infringement of the basic rights embodied in the constitutions of Member States, the principles of which represent the philosophical, political and juridical basis common to the Community's Member States;
2. Commends the quality of the Commission's contribution towards upholding due respect for fundamental rights in the Community order both in the exercise of its power to take decisions and submit proposals and in its role of guardian of the Treaties;

as regards recent trends in the protection of fundamental rights in the Community's legal order

3. Recalls that the Court of Justice, in a recent judgment ⁽⁵⁾, referred expressly to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of 4 November 1950 and had stated ⁽⁶⁾ some months previously that it could not uphold measures which were incompatible with fundamental rights recognized and protected by the Constitutions of the Member States;
4. Appreciates the improvement in existing legal channels which widens access to the Community Court for individuals and contributes to a better protection of their rights;
5. Notes, therefore, in view of the development of Community jurisprudence concerned with the protection of fundamental rights, that the protection of these rights is now very clearly guaranteed by the Community Court and that the level of legal security thus achieved at present in this essential sphere is certainly — in the circumstances — at least as high as that which would be provided by the adoption of a charter of fundamental rights;

as regards the protection of fundamental rights within the context of the future European Union

6. Considers, with the Commission, that the idea of a charter of the fundamental rights of Community citizens retains its full validity in the context of the European Union, whatever form such Union should take;
7. Recalls that, in accordance with the traditions of all Member States, the establishment of such a catalogue should predominantly be carried out by parliamentary representatives of the peoples of the Member States of the European Union;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 26, 30. 4. 1973, p. 8.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 179, 6. 8. 1975, p. 30, point 12.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 159, 12. 7. 1976, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ Published in the Bulletin of the European Communities, Supplement No 5/76

⁽⁵⁾ ECR 28. 10. 1975 (Rutili v. Minister for the Interior, Case 36/75 (1975), p. 1219).

⁽⁶⁾ ECR 17. 5. 1974 (Nold, Case 4/73, (1974) p. 507).

as regards the proposal contained in the Commission's report

8. Shares the opinion expressed by the Commission ⁽¹⁾ that a solemn common declaration by the three political institutions of the Community, Parliament, Council and Commission, confirming the principle of respect for the fundamental rights in the Community, would serve as a reply to criticisms of the exclusively judicial character of the present system;
9. Accordingly urges its President, in conjunction with its Legal Affairs Committee, to take every possible step to encourage the Council and the Commission to adopt such a declaration;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission and, for information, to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

(1) COM(76) 37 fin. paragraph 38.

RESOLUTION

on the extension of the Community Member States' fishing zones to 200 miles on 1 January 1977; fishing agreements with non-Community nations; and a revised common fishing policy

The European Parliament;

- having regard to the failure of the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference to produce an international convention for ratification at its September session,
 - having regard to the intention of some States including Iceland, Norway, the United States and Canada to extend unilaterally their fishing zones to 200 miles early in 1977,
 - noting that the consequences will be severely detrimental to the fishing industries of the Community if the Member States fail to extend their fishing zones to 200 miles,
 - convinced of the need for Member States of the Community to take immediate action,
1. Calls upon the Council to agree to an extension of the Community Member States' fishing zones to 200 miles on 1 January 1977;
 2. Calls upon the Commission to open discussions on fishing agreements with non-Community nations, and to begin immediately negotiations with Iceland;
 3. Calls for a speedy agreement on a new Community fishing policy based on principles similar to those of the common agricultural policy;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

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 application of generalized tariff preferences in 1977

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (76) 303 fin.),
 - having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the future development of the Community's generalized tariff preferences COM (75) 17 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 242/76),
 - recalling its resolutions of 6 October 1970 ⁽¹⁾, 9 June 1971 ⁽²⁾, 13 December 1973 ⁽³⁾, 12 July 1974 ⁽⁴⁾, 17 October 1974 ⁽⁵⁾, and 16 October 1976 ⁽⁶⁾,
 - 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 and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 332/76),
1. Welcomes the increase in the volume and value of the preferences offered;
 2. Hopes that the improvements made for agricultural products will benefit the poorer countries, and looks forward to continued progress in this area;
 3. Feels that the average increase in the value of potential preferential imports of manufactured goods represents a significant improvement for the beneficiary countries, even taking into account the rate of inflation;
 4. Approves the introduction of the Community reserve for three new products, but regrets that further progress on the elimination of tariff quotas and the re-classification of products has not been possible;
 5. Approves the new system for textiles, which is simpler and also fairer in its treatment of the more advanced producers, while giving greater scope to the poorer producers, without increasing pressure on domestic markets;
 6. Reiterates that the list of beneficiary countries should shortly be amended to ensure that only those countries deserving special treatment will receive it; meanwhile, hopes that the Commission will propose means of obtaining a greater spread of use of GSP amongst developing countries;
 7. Strongly recommends therefore that the Commission should immediately submit proposals on the establishment of an agency to provide documentation and information;
 8. Notes with pleasure the specific proposals to help increase utilization of the Generalized System of Preferences but considers it essential that a fundamental simplification of the system and greater harmonization of its operation amongst Member States and also amongst the different systems of donor countries be undertaken;
 9. Believes that GSP will remain under-utilized unless combined with other positive and complementary measures which should form part of a total package including proposals for integrating internal and external policies together with specific measures for encouraging investment and trade promotion, and invites the Commission to submit these;
 10. Notes that an evaluation of GSP has at last begun, and believes it essential to establish the extent to which the existence of free trade with countries producing goods which compete with GSP has eroded their value, so that appropriate action can be taken if necessary to develop supplementary or alternative methods of encouraging trade with developing countries.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 129, 26. 10. 1970, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 66, 1. 7. 1971, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 55.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974, p. 91.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No C 140, 13. 11. 1974, p. 42.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No C 257, 10. 11. 1975, p. 30.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the action programme 1977 to 1980 for the progressive achievement of balance in the milk market and the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation introducing a premium system for the non-marketing of milk and milk products and for the conversion of dairy cow herds

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 pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 247/76 and 248/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets on Doc. 248/76 (Doc. 343/76),

1. Draws attention to the very difficult situation facing farmers in general and stock farmers in particular as a result of the grave consequences of the drought which will persist for a long time yet in large areas of the Community and which threaten the economic survival of a considerable number of agricultural undertakings, and urges once more that all instruments available under the common agricultural policy be used, together with appropriately coordinated national measures, to limit the grievous consequences of these exceptional climatic conditions for farmers and also for consumers;

2. Points out that the drought has had a disastrous effect above all on fodder supplies and that dairy farmers in the affected areas, who are already in a structurally weak position, now face not only higher production costs but also the prospect of lower milk production;

3. Therefore considers that the proposals have come at an inopportune moment and that the proposed measures which affect the income position of producers, can be finalized only when the extent of the damage has been accurately established;

4. Postpones its final judgment on the proposed action programme until the effects of the drought on anticipated milk production and producers' incomes have been definitely established, and considers that no decisions which might be detrimental to the already precarious income position of producers should be taken until dairy farmers have recovered from the damage caused by the drought;

5. Points out:

(a) that despite the substantial decrease in the number of stock farmers since 1970, the low average *per capita* income in dairy farming and the measures taken in the past to rationalize the sector and slaughter dairy cattle, the conversion from milk to meat production and the efforts to encourage the closing down of farms, the dairy market remains unbalanced and considers that the difficulties on this market are clearly of a structural nature,

(b) that if dairy herds are reduced by 5 % a large number of workers in the agricultural sector and related industries will be made redundant;

6. Draws attention to the fact that long-term forecasts of the evolution of the milk market indicate that structural surpluses having a disruptive effect on the market will increase even further in the future as a result of increasing production, caused by a rise in productivity, and stagnating demand, one reason for which is the increasing use of vegetable fats and proteins instead of milk products;

7. Therefore shares the Commission's view that rationalization measures aimed at reducing structural surpluses by limiting production and increasing sales are unavoidable;

(1) COM(76) 300 fin.: OJ No C 181, 5. 8. 1976, p. 2.

8. Considers that structural improvement is needed in dairy farming and that milk production should be limited by reducing the number of dairy cows; points out that as a result of the climatic conditions obtaining this year and the consequent shortage of coarse fodder, many dairy farmers have unfortunately been compelled to appreciably reduce the size of their herds, and urges that this necessary reduction be encouraged at an early date by introducing without delay a Community premium system for the non-marketing of milk and milk products and for the conversion of dairy cow herds; notes that the proposal contains no specific provision for encouraging the cessation of farming and makes no reference to the creation of new employment in areas of intensive cattle farming;

9. Draws attention to the fact that a conversion policy is likely to have favourable results in the next few years only if the beef and veal market, which in many ways is just as sensitive as the milk market, is not to be disrupted as a result, and requests the Commission to keep a close watch on developments on the beef and veal market and take appropriate effective action in good time to avoid imbalances;

10. Urges that care be taken to ensure that Community premiums for non-marketing and conversion remain sufficiently attractive to fulfil their purpose and at the same time constitute reasonable compensation for loss of revenue from milk production and for losses incurred as a result of working capital becoming idle; recommends that appropriate checks be carried out to ensure that obligations are met and fraud is prevented;

11. Considers a ban on national and Community aid to the dairy sector difficult to reconcile with the objectives of the Community policy on structures and therefore asks for Community aid to be maintained — at least in the pasture areas and other areas in which there is no alternative to dairy farming — for clearly defined projects of moderate size that fit in with the planned structural reform and contribute to improved working conditions on family farms, without expanding production capacity;

12. Considers that the abolition of aid for the processing and marketing of milk will jeopardize the economic viability of the dairy industry and consequently asks that aid be continued for projects which do not directly lead to increased milk production, that is to say projects for the rationalization and modernization of plant and for increasing sales of milk and milk products;

13. Doubts the effectiveness and feasibility of the limitation proposed for developing farms of 1.3 cows per hectare of UAA, since this would prejudice the principle of dairy farming specialization in areas best suited to it and because such a system would be difficult to supervise on mixed farms;

14. Pending a Commission proposal on the possible imposition of a temporary co-responsibility levy on milk producers, recalls paragraphs 7, 18, 33 and 35 of the resolution adopted by Parliament in June 1975 on the basis of the Scott-Hopkins report on the stocktaking of the common agricultural policy;

15. Considers that for the time being, if the Commission proposes a levy, the amount of the levy should be fixed at a moderate level seeing that it directly affects producers' incomes and that, in view of the continuing structural difficulties in dairy farming and the related weak income position of producers, it is advisable to cushion as far as possible the impact on incomes so as not to discourage producers right from the start from helping to achieve the objective of this project;

16. Considers inequitable the exemption from the co-responsibility levy proposed for the mountain areas and less-favoured regions defined under Article 3 (3) of Directive 75/268/EEC, and asks for the less-favoured regions defined under Article 3 (4) and (5) to benefit also from this exemption;

17. Hopes that the introduction of a financial contribution by producers will not have any effect on the drawing up of Commission proposals on guide and intervention prices on the basis of trends in production costs and incomes in sectors other than agriculture;

18. Points out that the co-responsibility levy, if introduced, should only be of a temporary nature and should be regularly adapted to changes in the market situation, and that the proceeds therefrom must be used exclusively for the further promotion of sales in the Community by means of higher subsidies for the sale of liquid skimmed milk and if necessary milk powder and other similar products for use in animal feeds and by promoting sales of milk and milk products, as also by promoting exports to third countries;

19. Considers inadequate the proposed procedure for consultation with those involved regarding the proceeds from the co-responsibility levy and feels that producers should participate in the administration of the funds they themselves provide;

20. Approves the proposals for enlargement of the Community markets and considers in this connection that consumption in the Community should be stimulated by a policy of high quality butter and milk products supported by suitable advertising; in view of price trends for imported vegetable proteins, also approves the granting of more aid to promote the use of liquid skimmed milk and if necessary milk powder and other similar products in animal feeds;

21. Nevertheless doubts, having regard to the factors underlying the stagnation of sales, whether such measures will enlarge the market sufficiently; therefore emphasizes the importance of regular multiannual programmes to supply skimmed-milk powder as food aid with a view to increasing sales, but stresses that the interests of developing countries must be given priority and that deliveries must be guaranteed as part of general development policy, irrespective of the existence of surpluses; considers that the Community must pursue an active policy to promote the conclusion of long-term export contracts for dairy products with third countries;

22. Rejects wholeheartedly the proposal for a levy on vegetable oils and fats;

23. Holds the view that there is still good reason for the Commission to investigate acceptable ways of altering the price ratio between milk and vegetable proteins in such a way that the incentive to further increase milk production is diminished;

24. Feels that a general policy is required for the milk market which takes account of the inter-relationship between the vegetable oil and fat and animal fat sectors on the one hand and the vegetable and animal protein sectors on the other; considers that this policy must take account of producer and consumer interests in the Community, as also the need to promote the balanced development of trade with third countries;

25. Finally, approves the Commission's proposal to introduce a premium system for the non-marketing of milk and milk products and for the conversion of dairy cow herds, with particular reference to points 8, 9 and 10 of this resolution and subject to the following amendments;

26. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty.

RESOLUTION

on the violation of human rights in Chile

The European Parliament,

1. Condemns outright those responsible for the murder in Washington of former Chilean Defence Minister Orlando Letelier;
2. Deplores the new wave of repression in Chile, which has hit all social and political groups and recently led to the expulsion of Jaime Castillo, deputy chairman of the Chilean Partido Demócrata Cristiana and director of the illegal publication 'Política y Espíritu';
3. Expresses its alarm at the increase in the number of attacks on Chilean refugees abroad;
4. Calls on the Council, meeting with a view to political cooperation, to make every effort at both diplomatic and United Nations level to promote effective protection of fundamental human rights and facilitate the setting-up of international committees of enquiry in those countries in which human rights are being violated;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of the European Communities and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

RESOLUTION

on the period of application of the compulsory addition of skimmed-milk powder to animal feeds

The European Parliament

- having regard to the considerable difficulties posed for the feedstuffs industry and trade by the compulsory addition of skimmed-milk powder to animal feeds, and to the resultant increase in consumer prices,
1. Calls on the Council and Commission to take all possible steps to call a halt to the compulsory addition of skimmed-milk powder to animal feeds by the deadline of 31 October 1976;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

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 a system of reference 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 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 324/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 299/76);
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Requests the Commission, however, to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
 3. Urges that the Commission be given powers to take action against unfair competition;
 4. Also urges that the Commission should make proposals as soon as possible for a schedule of rates applicable to the transport of goods by road within the Member States;
 5. Calls for further progress in the harmonization of road transport costs.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 1, 5. 1. 1976, 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 conclusion of a Convention on the protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution and a Protocol on the prevention of the pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by dumping from ships and aircraft

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 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 118/76),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 334/76),
1. Refers to its resolutions of 14 December 1973 ⁽²⁾ and 25 September 1974 ⁽³⁾;
 2. Notes that the European Economic Community already signed the Convention on 13 September 1976;
 3. Believes that the ratification of this Convention by the European Economic Community will make an important contribution to closing the gap in the system of protection of the sea;
 4. Considers that a unified approach by the Community in environmental matters is essential if effective action is to be taken;
 5. Approves, therefore, the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 122, 3. 6. 1976, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 59.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 127, 18. 10. 1975, p. 32.

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 indirect taxes on transactions in securities

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 Articles 99 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 62/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 315/76),

1. Notes that the aim of the proposal for a Directive is to reduce the double taxation and fiscal discrimination which exist at present as a result of the lack of harmonization of the structure and rates of indirect taxes on transactions in securities;
2. Observes that the harmonization of the structure, the maximum rates and the various other technical provisions contained in the proposal for a Directive make a useful contribution towards fiscal harmonization, prior to the complete liberalization of capital in the EEC;
3. Emphasizes, in view of the adverse effects of these taxes on the efficient management of the securities market and their relatively low-tax yield in comparison with overall revenue from taxation, that the abolition of these taxes must remain the ultimate aim;
4. Hopes, in this connection, that the Commission will take steps to achieve this aim as quickly as possible, and, to this end, ensure that the provisions contained in this proposal are implemented; subject to this reservation, approves the proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 133, 14. 6. 1976, 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 Directive (sixth Directive) amending Directive 72/464/EEC on taxes other than turnover taxes 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 ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 241/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 316/76),

1. Notes that the first stage in the harmonization of excise duties on cigarettes has to be prolonged by six months, i.e. until 31 December 1977, not because the European Parliament delivered its opinion too late, but because the government experts have not even begun their deliberations;
2. In view of this further delay, requests the Commission to reduce from three-and-a-half years to three years the length of the second stage of harmonization provided for in the proposal for a fifth Directive ⁽²⁾, so that the third and final stage can begin on 1 January 1981 as planned;
3. With this reservation, approves the proposal for a sixth Directive and expects the Council to decide on the content of the second stage (fifth Directive) by the end of the year.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 168, 22. 7. 1976, p. 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 45, 27. 2. 1976, p. 4.

RESOLUTION

on the First Periodical Report of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the Community action programme for the rational use of energy and draft recommendations of the Council

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 10 and Annexes),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy and Research and the opinions of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 314/76),
- recalling its previous resolutions
 - on the immediate measures needed to alleviate the energy supply crisis in the European Community ⁽¹⁾,
 - on appropriate medium- and long-term measures for the further alleviation of the energy supply crisis in the European Community ⁽²⁾,
 - on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council entitled 'Energy for Europe: Research and Development' ⁽³⁾,
- 1. Recognizes the contribution that a more rational use of energy can make to the reduction of the European Community's dependence on imported sources of energy;
- 2. Fears that, in the absence of a comprehensive Community strategy for the rational use of energy, a quickening of economic growth might lead to a disproportionate growth in energy consumption;
- 3. Notes that,
 - each Member State has adopted a pragmatic and diversified approach which reflects the lack of clear and decisive central direction at Community level,
 - a great effort, to date, has been made only in the field of publicity and the dissemination of information aimed at influencing public opinion, while there has been a noticeable lack of concrete action by the Governments of the Member States,
 - to a limited extent, and partly as an involuntary consequence of external trends rather than as a positive measure in itself, the price mechanism has been used to encourage a more rational utilization of energy;
- 4. Regrets that none of the Council recommendations have been directed at the industrial sector, and urges the Commission to present proposals for this sector along with its next Periodical Report;
- 5. Feels that fuel-technology consultancy services, preferably on a commercial basis, should be expanded, and stresses the need for training fuel technologists specialized in this field, and for their effective employment in responsible positions by consumers of energy;
- 6. Considers that adequate statistical information on both the possibility of energy conservation and the results achieved by measures aimed at encouraging the rational use of energy must be compiled, and calls on the Commission to draw up, with the least possible delay, proposals to this effect;
- 7. Calls on the Commission to draw up a comprehensive energy saving strategy and to present a set of coherent proposals to the Council, with the view of reducing the Community's dependence on imported energy sources;
- 8. Appreciates the reason for the Commission's decision not to propose Directives dealing with the rational use of energy at this time, but believes that the Commission will have no alternative but to introduce generally binding measures, where appropriate, in the future, with the objective of reducing the Community's dependence on imported energy sources;
- 9. Believes, nevertheless, that care should be taken to channel Community action into measures which are demonstrably justifiable both under the Treaties and according to the realities of the economic and commercial situation;
- 10. Deplores the Commission's failure to consult the European Parliament on this matter;
- 11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 46.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 55.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 60, 13. 3. 1975, p. 34.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision concerning the entry into force of the Agreement on the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs and on the special equipment to be used for such carriage (ATP).

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 Articles 43, 75 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 271/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 338/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 209, 4. 9. 1976, 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 Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1059/69 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products

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 Articles 14 (7), 28, 92, 93, 94, 113 to 116, 227 and 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 117/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 346/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 133, 14. 6. 1976, p. 34.

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 storage of products bought in by an intervention agency

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. 267/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 347/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 200, 26. 8. 1976, p. 9.

RESOLUTION

on the corrections to the European Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the 1977 financial year (Section I of the draft general budget of the European Communities)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rules 23A, 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the draft Amendments annexed thereto (Doc. 371/76),

1. Points out that the modifications it has made to estimates derive mainly from:
 - (a) corrections resulting from decisions taken after these estimates had been adopted
 - (b) new factors which intervened after this adoption
 - (c) the increase in funds required by the Parliament to prepare for its elections by direct universal suffrage.
2. Has amended the budgetary nomenclature to bring it into line with the proposals of the Commission as endorsed by the Council in establishing the draft general budget of the Communities in accordance with the nomenclature annexed to the report of the committee responsible;
3. Sincerely hopes that the Treaty of 22 July 1975 on, *inter alia*, the setting up of a Court of Auditors of the Communities can be ratified as soon as possible so that the Community institutions can make provision for the necessary appropriations for setting it up before the budget is finally adopted;
4. Has adopted its estimates of revenue and expenditure on the basis of the amendments adopted at 65 742 497 u.a.
5. Has modified its list of posts as follows:

A. *Creation of posts*

(a) established posts

- 2 A 5-4 (2 A 4),
- 1 A 7-6,
- 1 B 3-2,
- 6 B 5-4,
- 4 C 1,
- 16 C 3-2,
- 6 C 5-4,
- 13 D 3-2;

(b) temporary posts

- 2 B 3-2 (B 3),
- 1 C 1,
- 1 C 3-2 (C 3).

B. *Conversion of posts*

temporary posts

- regrade 1 A 7 post as A 6 (correction),
- convert 1 C 1 post to B 3-2 (B 3).

C. *Established posts blocked*

Of the permanent posts, the following are blocked:

- 1 A 5-4 (A 5),
- 1 B 3-2 (B 3),
- 1 C 3-2 (C 3).

RESOLUTION

on the draft general budget of the European Communities for the 1977 financial year

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary draft budget of the European Communities for the 1977 financial year and in particular to the General Introduction to Section III (Commission),
 - having regard to the draft general budget of the European Communities for the 1977 financial year, drawn up by the Council and the accompanying explanatory memorandum (Doc. 291/76), and the letters of amendment to the preliminary draft budget, and the draft budget forwarded by the Council on 4, 5 and 19 October 1976 respectively,
 - having regard to the dialogue with the Commission and the Council,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets, the opinions of the other committees and the draft Amendments and proposed modifications annexed to this report (Doc. 363/76),
 - aware that the total expenditure of the European Communities remains a minute fraction of the gross domestic product of the Communities and of the national expenditure of the Member States,
 - aware of the general economic context in which this budget appears, which is characterized by accelerating economic divergence and intolerable levels of unemployment;
1. Recognizes that the budget of the Communities as presently constructed is totally inadequate as an instrument of policy capable of having an impact on the present economic situation;
 2. Deplores the blatant shortcomings of the Community's social policy and the Community's inability to develop a coherent economic policy;
 3. Rejects the Council's attitude which limits the role of the Community budget and prevents it from being used as a means of reducing the economic disparities between the regions and of fighting unemployment;
 4. Reiterates its opposition to the massive disequilibrium in the present budget, three-quarters of which is allocated to one sector of activity, namely agriculture;

The inter-institutional dialogue

5. Regrets that, whilst the inter-institutional dialogue has been accepted on all sides in a spirit of cooperation, this has not been accompanied, as yet, by a constructive agreement on the re-shaping of the Community budget and hopes that such an agreement can be reached in order that the budget may be adopted;

The preliminary draft budget

6. Congratulates the Commission on the improvements in presentation of the preliminary draft budget, particularly as regards the supply of information accompanying the estimates;

The draft budget

7. Repeats its insistence that the Council include, in future draft budgets, columns showing the appropriations proposed by the Commission in the preliminary draft budget ⁽¹⁾;
8. Welcomes the agreement between the Council and Parliament on the amendments to the Financial Regulation permitting the extension of the notion of commitment appropriations in time for their inclusion in the draft budget;
9. Deplores the Council's failure to include in the draft budget appropriations adequate for the carrying out of new policies or the development of present policies, which would thus permit the institutions to avoid supplementary budgets during the next financial year;

The budgetary calendar

10. Welcomes the agreement between the institutions on improvements to the budgetary calendar which gives the institutions greater time during which to conduct their examination of the budget;

(1) Doc. 361/75.

11. Instructs its Committee on Budgets to examine further possible improvements in that calendar particularly as regards the improvement of forecasts for the agricultural sector;

Application of the Treaty of 22 July 1975

12. Deplores the fact that two Member States (Italy and France) have not yet ratified the Treaty of 22 July 1975 strengthening the budgetary powers of the European Parliament and setting up a European Court of Auditors which would aid the European Parliament in its responsibilities in financial control;

13. Urges again that this Treaty be ratified by those remaining Member States who have not completed the procedure, before the end of the 1977 budgetary procedure;

14. Reiterates its view that a further review of the Treaties is necessary in order to give the European Parliament elected by direct universal suffrage sufficient budgetary powers consistent with the legitimacy of the Communities;

Definitive introduction of the system of own resources

15. Recalls the Council Decision of 21 April 1970 that the definitive system of own resources enters into force on 1 January 1978 at the latest ⁽¹⁾;

16. Calls upon the Council to deliberate immediately in a spirit of cooperation and flexibility so that differences of national viewpoints concerning the harmonization of the basis of assessment for value added tax and its administration, as put forward in the draft Sixth Directive, may be resolved and, after concertation with Parliament, an agreed and amended Sixth Directive be adopted in parallel with the Budget of the Communities before the end of the financial year;

Future development of the inter-institutional dialogue on certain budgetary problems

17. Recalls its resolution on certain budgetary matters resulting from the work of the ad hoc working party of the Committee on Budgets;

18. Reiterates its insistence that all expenditure and revenue, including all lending activities and various funds and including all foreseeable expenditure at the time of the adoption of the budget, must be included within that budget, in accordance with Article 199 of the Treaty;

19. Instructs its Committee on Budgets to continue the dialogue with the other institutions in order to arrive at agreement on certain outstanding matters relating to budgetary transparency;

Budgetary priorities for 1977

20. Regards as unhelpful the lack of clear explanation in the Explanatory Memorandum of the draft budget (Volume 7) which hinders a political dialogue between the institutions as budgetary authorities;

21. Underlines that the draft budget as presented by the Council contains no provision for either financing of new major activities by the Community or the development of present activities, and does not accept that this sterile attitude can be justified on the basis of a concern for austerity since economies in the Community's

⁽¹⁾ See paragraph 12 of the resolution by Mr Cointat for the 1976 budget (OJ No C 280, 8. 12. 1975) and paragraph 5 of the resolution tabled by Mr Notenboom on behalf of the Committee on Budgets and adopted by the European Parliament on 20 June 1975 (OJ No C 157, page 86). See likewise the Decision of 21 April 1970 which envisaged the application of the Value Added Tax common system by 1 January 1975, which was followed by the Commission's proposal of June 1973.

derisory overall expenditure would have no impact on the rate of inflation in any Member State and would simply prevent the Community from playing any role in the solving of common economic problems;

22. Believes that an increase in necessary and properly controlled expenditure is required if a basis is to be provided for further integration of the Member States;

23. Considers that a prerequisite for the creative evolution of the economic convergence of Member States can be achieved only by the harnessing and judicious use of the Community's capital potential within the context of its global economic and social objectives;

THE MAIN AREAS OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

The agricultural sector: EAGGF (Titles 6, 7 and 8)

24. Points to the major disequilibrium within the budget resulting from the vast preponderance of expenditure in the agricultural sector; furthermore reiterates its concern at the imbalance within the agricultural titles of the budget between price guarantees and structural policies;

25. Deplores the consistent failure of the institutions to provide an impetus for the development of a realistic structural policy for agriculture which would enable general EAGGF expenditure to be reduced over a period of years;

26. Underlines the continuing problem of inadequate forecasting in this sector which means that the figures eventually approved in the budget are likely to have little or no relation with expenditure eventually incurred;

27. Instructs its competent Committees to examine these problems with a view to making proposals for a better balance in expenditure in time for the 1978 budgetary procedure;

The European Social Fund

28. Believes that the proposals for expenditure for the European Social Fund are in no way sufficient to permit the Community to play a role in the fight against unemployment currently involving 6½ million Community citizens;

28. Recalls its desire to include within the activities covered by the Social Fund measures designed specifically to fight against the crisis of unemployment;

European Regional Development Fund

30. Recognizes that in the last year of the operation of the 'trial' regional development fund the provision proposed in the draft budget for payment appropriations may prove adequate but underlines its concern that the period of application of this fund has seen a further increase in the disparities between the regions;

Development aid sector

31. Considers as totally unacceptable the reduction in appropriations below the 1976 level, proposed by the Council for food aid; insists on the contrary that increases be made so that the contribution made by the Communities can go some way further towards meeting the needs and the hopes of the developing countries;

32. Believes that reductions in food aid are all the more unacceptable in view of the vast surpluses accumulated in the agricultural domain: the surpluses themselves representing a heavy and increasing charge on the Community budget;

33. Welcomes the Council Decision of 19 October 1976 approving actions in favour of the non-associated developing countries and demands that adequate provision be made so that the benefit may be felt by the recipient countries at the earliest opportunity;

Research, technology, industrial and energy sectors

34. Believes that adequate financial provision must be earmarked to guarantee the development of a Community energy policy;

35. Believes furthermore that new policies in the industrial sphere, namely those concerning the aeronautical sector, should have earmarked operational provisions for the 1977 financial year so that work can be begun;

36. Considers that, as regards the research sector, it is an indictment of the Community's decision-making procedure that no definitive site for the JET project has been agreed upon, creating the risk of the possibility that the Community lead in this sector will be thrown away;

Operating expenditure

37. Believes that Parliament has a special responsibility to ensure that the Commission has adequate staff at its disposal but that the creation of extra staff heads be approved only on the basis of detailed justification for each post;

38. Observes that the Council, in its draft, suggests an overall increase beyond the 1976 total but less than that proposed by the Commission without any detailed justification whatsoever;

39. Observes the need for a major reform of the organizational structure of the Commission in the interests of efficiency and instructs its Committee on Budgets to report on the progress of this reform during 1977;

Multiannual forecasts

40. Regards the multiannual forecasts put forward by the Commission as unsatisfactory because of their lack of real political significance and because they envisage no development of the economic and social impact of the Community;

41. Declines to accept any position where Parliament's rights were to any degree infringed by triennial forecasts over which the European Parliament had no power of decision;

42. Insists that Parliament be associated with the general discussion on those forecasts in a way parallel with the budgetary procedure;

43. Declines therefore to take into account the present insufficient forecasts from the Commission;

Conclusions

44. Expresses the hope that the institutions will be able to achieve agreement on the budget for 1977 to take greater account of the economic problems concerning the Community, thus enabling Parliament to adopt a budget which would be a more realistic instrument of policy;

45. Believes it to be of overriding importance that the dialogue between the institutions takes place in a constructive spirit permitting both partners of the budget authority to achieve an agreement on the basis of a realistic appraisal of expenditure needs for 1977;

46. Instructs its President to forward this modified draft budget, this resolution, minutes of its sitting and the report of its Committee on Budgets to the Council.

RESOLUTION

on Sections II and IV (Council and Court of Justice) of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the 1977 financial year

The European Parliament

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 368/76),

1. Approves Section II relating to the revenue and expenditure estimates of the Council of the European Communities;

2. Approves the revenue and expenditure estimates of the Court of Justice of the European Communities in Section IV.

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the report by the Commission of the European Communities (COM(76) 87 fin.),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 301/76),

1. Regrets the delay in implementing the common structural policy as laid down by the Council in its structural Directives of 17 April 1972;
2. Notes that the Commission has at its disposal only a few initial data regarding the application of the Directives, so that a definitive evaluation of the results of Community and national measures is not possible;
3. Urges Member States to take at an early date the measures needed to implement the structural Directives completely and, in accordance with the provisions of these Directives, to provide the Commission with the relevant data in good time so that a full analysis of the results of the common structural policy can be made;
4. Points out that the aims of the common agricultural policy, i.e. a reasonable income for farmers, secure food supplies at reasonable prices and a stable market equilibrium cannot be achieved unless urgent steps are taken to supplement the market and price policy with a dynamic and effective structural policy;
5. Notes that:
 - (a) large discrepancies still exist between incomes in the agriculture sectors and those in other sectors of industry,
 - (b) such discrepancies also exist between agricultural incomes in the various sectors of agriculture and the various regions of the Community,
 - (c) small farms benefit least from the common price policy which has hitherto been the principal method of supporting agricultural incomes;
6. Believes that, within the structural policy, special attention should be paid to:
 - (a) potentially viable holdings where the farmers cannot be adequately assisted by means of the common price policy, where they do not have sufficient resources to improve the structure of their farms and where they require temporary direct income support under the common structural policy to tide them over until their farms become viable;
 - (b) holdings which are not potentially viable and where the farmers must be assisted under the cessation of farming scheme by the grant of temporary direct income support enabling them to maintain a reasonable income level until they qualify for the standard old-age pension arrangements;
7. Approves the establishment of a study group which, within the framework of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Structure, will study the difficulties that have delayed implementation of the Directives, and requests to be kept informed of the results of the activities of this study group;
8. Considers it important that the problem of insufficient coordination between a farmer's cessation of activity and the allocation of his land for the modernization of farms which have submitted a development plan, should be further examined and that a study should at the same time be carried out to see how the land banks that exist in some Member States can contribute to greater mobility of agricultural land in accordance with the objectives of the common structural policy;
9. Requests the Commission to look into ways of drawing up flexible production plans for a three-year period, renewable annually, taking account of expected trends in supply and demand in the Community and the need for Community agriculture to exert a stabilizing influence at international level;
10. Requests the Commission to investigate whether it would be possible to harmonize interest rates on loans to European farmers and alleviate their financial burden by setting up a European interest subsidy fund; points out in this connection the no doubt obvious fact that it is highly desirable for the extremely complex problem of the harmonization of fiscal systems in the Member States, especially in agriculture, to be resolved as soon as possible;

11. Urges the Council to take an early decision on the proposals regarding aid to young farmers, producer groups, the processing and marketing of agricultural products and measures in the forestry sector;

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 amending Regulation (EEC) No 601/76 laying down special measures, in particular for the determination of the offers of olive oil on the world market
- II. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 602/76 laying down special measures, in particular for the determination of the offers of olive oil on the Greek market

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 pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 324/76),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 374/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposals;
2. Urges the Commission once more, however, as it has several times in the past, to submit as soon as possible the new rules on the common organization of the market in this sector, as it had undertaken to do before the end of 1976.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 237, 9. 10. 1976, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

on the abuse of the principle of the free movement of labour

The European Parliament,

- having been informed that the Hertz Rent-a-Car Corporation, confronted with a legal strike by the staff of its Danish branch, has ordered workers from other EEC branches of Hertz to replace the Danish staff,
- protesting energetically against this abuse of the principle of the free movement of labour aimed at breaking a strike which has been started legally and is being held in accordance with normal rules,
- drawing attention to the consequences of such practices for social peace in the Community,

1. Urges the Commission to take the necessary steps to prevent this and similar abuses of the principle of the free movement of labour;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.

RESOLUTION

on the present situation with regard to a Community energy policy following the Council meeting of 19 October 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the outcome of the meeting of the Council of the European Communities on 19 October 1976,
 - having regard to the absence of a Community energy policy,
 - having regard to the fact that the Community is constantly afflicted by an energy crisis which is steadily growing worse as a result of the Council's inability to take appropriate decisions,
1. Emphasizes that, in view of the serious threat that hangs over the Community's energy supply and consequently over its political and economic independence, the Council's irresponsible attitude may well lead to the Community's becoming completely paralysed;
 2. Notes that for over three years the Council has not shown itself capable of introducing the Community mechanisms needed to overcome a crisis and that the appropriate Council of Ministers has met only six times in the past two years instead of twelve, as planned;
 3. Emphasizes that it is already evident today that the 'objectives for 1985' in the sphere of energy policy cannot be achieved and that consequently the Community's dependence on other sources of energy remains undiminished;
 4. Considers, moreover, that foreseeable developments on the world market in hydrocarbons may produce a structural crisis in the Community's supply of these products, and expresses profound concern at the plans of the oil-producing countries for a possible increase in the price of oil;
 5. Points out that there is no point in the Community's wanting to take an active part in the work of international organizations in the sphere of energy, particularly within the framework of the North-South dialogue, if such activities are not supported by a coherent and determined Community policy;
 6. Notes that the energy-saving programmes have not been implemented;
 7. Is extremely concerned that the development of alternative energy sources has so far not been expedited and that reliable Community sources of energy are being virtually neglected;
 8. Calls on the Council and Commission to persuade the Governments to adopt a clear stand on the problem of the use of nuclear energy and to offer their citizens fuller and more appropriate information than hitherto, and awaits proposals for Directives along these lines;
 9. Draws the attention of European public opinion to the Council's inactivity in the sphere of a common energy policy;
 10. Emphasizes that the Council bears, and will continue to bear, full responsibility for the serious effects of this attitude upon the future of the Community and its citizens;
 11. For all these reasons, calls upon the Council and Commission, by immediately applying Article 235 of the EEC Treaty — as in the case of environmental protection and research — to create the legal basis required for a common energy policy in those areas where it does not yet definitely exist;
 12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

RESOLUTION

on the results of the meeting of the Council of Research Ministers of 21 October 1976

The European Parliament,

having regard to its previous resolutions in the field of research policy, in particular its resolution of 14 September 1976 on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a multiannual research programme of the Joint Research Centre, 1977 to 1980 ⁽¹⁾,

1. Notes the results of the meeting of the Council of Research Ministers of 21 October 1976 and regrets that the essential decisions were not taken;
2. Notes also the decision of this Council to meet again on 18 November 1976, and expects the necessary decisions, to be taken without further delay;
3. Calls on the Council most urgently, therefore, to adopt at this meeting the proposal from the Commission for a multiannual research programme of the Joint Research Centre, 1977 to 1980, in the form approved by the European Parliament as regards its financing and staff complement, since the continuation of direct Community research will otherwise be placed in jeopardy;
4. Calls on the Council furthermore to get the JET programme under way immediately, which includes taking a decision on the objectively most suitable site, and to bear in mind that rapid and positive action alone can help secure the long-term energy supplies which the Community so urgently requires;
5. Would deplore the concentration of research ministers on political bargaining to the detriment of achieving effective progress in the field of research itself;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission immediately so that it is available at the Council meeting of 18 November 1976.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 238, 11. 10. 1976, 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 Decision on a four-year programme (1977 to 1980) in the field of scientific and technical education

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 (Doc. 257/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy and Research and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 379/76),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 187, 10. 8. 1976, p. 6.

1. Welcomes:
 - (a) the decision to base this programme on Article 235 of the EEC Treaty as well as on Article 7 of the Euratom Treaty,
 - (b) the extension of the scientific and technical training programme to non-nuclear sectors,
 - (c) the linking of this programme to the Community's sectoral research and development programmes;
2. Believes that this programme will contribute to the dissemination of scientific knowledge and techniques among young engineers and scientists throughout the Community;
3. Recognizes the value of creating as many contacts as possible between research establishments in the different Member States;
4. Calls on the Commission to restrict eligibility for grants in respect of non-member countries to applicants with experience of the appropriate advanced technology.
5. Requests the Commission to encourage and give favourable consideration to applications from scientists and engineers working in industry;
6. Proposes, accordingly, that the upper limit of expenditure commitments for the implementation of this programme be increased by 400 000 units of account, and the financial record sheet adjusted accordingly, so as to enable more applicants from industry to participate in this programme;
7. Approves the Commission's proposal but nevertheless invites it to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty and the second paragraph of Article 119 of the Euratom Treaty.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision reviewing the energy research and development programme adopted by the Council Decision of 22 August 1975

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 235 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 264/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy and Research and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 403/76),
1. Points out that it approved the proposal for an energy research and development programme;
 2. Stresses once more the importance to the Community of an energy research programme;
 3. Points out that only a policy aimed at saving energy and developing new sources will enable the Community to reduce its dependence on imported energy and that consequently research in these fields is essential;
 4. Notes that, as it has requested, the energy research and development programme has been reviewed after the first year of operation;
 5. Welcomes the Commission's success in coordinating indirect and direct research activities;
 6. Believes that the proposed changes are appropriate at the present stage of the programme;
 7. Approves the proposed changes to the energy research and development programme.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 241, 14. 10. 1976, p. 5.

RESOLUTION

on the motion for a resolution on third-party motor vehicle insurance in the Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission's answer ⁽¹⁾ to Oral Question No 0-47/76 on third-party motor vehicle insurance in the Community (Doc. 318/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 412/76),

1. Takes the view that the approximation of legislation on third-party motor vehicle insurance is absolutely essential;
2. Calls on the Commission to initiate without delay measures for the harmonization of the relevant legislation of the various Member States on civil liability and transfrontier claim settlement;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

(¹) Debates of the European Parliament, provisional edition, 15. 10. 1976, p. 280.

RESOLUTION

on the amendment of Chapter XI of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 54 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the second report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions (Doc. 336/76),

1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as follows;
2. Instructs its President to have this resolution published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and to forward it for information to the Council and Commission and to the Conference of Foreign Ministers, and instructs its Secretary-General to have published a new edition of the Rules of Procedure thus amended, making sure there is perfect concordance between the texts in the six official languages;
3. Decides that the Rules of Procedure thus amended shall enter into force at the beginning of the next part-session.

RESOLUTION

on the amendment of Chapters I to X, XIII and XIV of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 54 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the second report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions (Doc. 335/76),

1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as follows:
2. Instructs its President to have this resolution published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and to forward it for information to the Commission and Council, and instructs its Secretary-General to have published a new edition of the Rules of Procedure thus amended, making sure there is perfect concordance between the texts in the six official languages;
3. Decides that the Rules of Procedure thus amended shall enter into force at the beginning of the next part-session.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council relating to a Directive concerning mutual assistance by the competent authorities of the Member States in the field of direct taxation

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 99 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 67/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 372/76),

1. Notes that the tax evasion and avoidance practices which exploit the disparities between the tax laws of the Member States have seriously damaging repercussions internationally as well as within the Community, not only because of the budgetary losses that they entail, but also because they breach the principles of fair taxation and cause distortions in capital movements and conditions of competition;

2. Approves, therefore, in line with the recommendation already made in the resolution of the European Parliament of 12 December 1974 ⁽²⁾, the principle of mutual assistance by the competent authorities of the Member States in the field of direct taxation;

As regards the consultation procedure

3. Fears that the essentially bilateral procedure provided for in Article 9 might give rise to the application of different methods and hence to taxation disparities and distortions of competition within the Community, and considers it unsatisfactory in this respect that the Commission should be informed only *ex post facto* (Article 9 (3));

4. Notes that the proposed Directive contains no details of the sanctions to be applied for unreasonable delays or an unsubstantiated refusal on the part of the authorities of a Member State to furnish the necessary information.

As regards the limitations on the exchange of information

5. Considers that, because of their vagueness, the two general limitations on the exchange of information between Member States, based on considerations of public policy and the condition of reciprocity (Article 8 (2) and (3)), are unlikely to promote effective mutual assistance between the competent authorities of the Member States;

6. While accepting that there is an evident need to ensure strict control of the disclosure of information gathered in this area, also invites the Commission, in this same connection, to submit a proposal for a regulation to provide at Community level for appeals against the assessment made by the authorities of a Member State of the confidential nature of tax information and its disclosure, in the interests both of the States requesting the information where it is unjustifiably withheld and of the taxpayer where it is used for irregular purposes;

7. Approves, subject to these reservations, this proposal for a Directive, which is the first measure designed to establish a mutual assistance procedure at Community level, made necessary by the inability of the national tax authorities to cope with the problem of international tax evasion and avoidance.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 94, 27. 4. 1976, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 5, 8. 1. 1975, p. 39, resolution, paragraph 16.

RESOLUTION

on the motion for a resolution on the Community's regional policy as regards
the regions at the Community's internal frontiers

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Gerlach and others on the Community's regional policy as regards the regions at the Community's internal frontiers (Doc. 5/74),
- having regard to the resolution on regional policy as regards the regions at the Community's internal frontiers adopted on 13 March 1975 ⁽¹⁾ on the basis of the interim report drawn up by the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 467/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the opinions of the Political Affairs Committee, the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 355/76),

I. Preliminary work

1. Notes:

- that the problems of the regions at the Community's internal frontiers have become a matter of increasing concern to the European Parliament,
- that the Commission has not yet been in a position to take appropriate effective measures to counter the increasingly unfavourable economic situation of the border regions,
- that the Council recognized the need for action for the border regions in its third medium-term economic policy programme of 9 February 1971 (OJ No L 49, 1. 3. 1971, p. 35), and made provision when creating the European Regional Development Fund for the Fund to be employed for these regions;

2. Recognizes that the Council of Europe and its bodies have attempted to draw the attention of national governments to the border regions and have thereby performed valuable preliminary work for transfrontier cooperation;

3. Welcomes the policies of the Council of Europe and the European Parliament with their identical objectives in this field and hopes for greater cooperation between these two institutions and energetic implementation of their common aims by the Council of the European Communities;

II. Problems of the border regions

4. Regrets that the internal border regions are hardly able to fulfil their bridging function between the Member States and that social, cultural and emotional conflicts have not yet been sufficiently dispelled;

(1) OJ No C 76, 7. 4. 1975, p. 25.

5. Is of the opinion that the border regions, like the peripheral regions, have enjoyed less favourable economic development than the central areas. Although most of the border regions are situated in a central position in Europe, they occupy a peripheral position with regard to their own country's economy;

6. Notes that one consequence of this border situation is imbalance between central regions and border regions as manifested in inadequate infrastructures, shortcomings in passenger and freight transport facilities, and often depopulation, and believes that these observations are admissible without fixing the precise geographic limits of the border regions; such demarcation could lead simply to a shift in the Community's internal frontiers;

7. Points out that this report represents only the first stage in a three-part European Parliament initiative. It is planned to follow it up with a second report on regional policy as regards the Community's external frontiers and a third report on the Community's maritime frontiers.

III. Possible forms of cooperation

8. Considers it absolutely necessary to have proper statistical bases, methodological adjustments, basic economic analyses and efficient implementation instruments to initiate effective transfrontier regional planning for the structural improvement of the border regions;

9. Emphasizes that all possible means of communication should be used for transfrontier coordination in order to replace frequent institutional and executive duplication, competition and confusion with cooperation which will rationalize work, make transfrontier regional policy more transparent, alleviate social tensions and achieve optimal utilization of the economic resources available;

10. Stresses the need to create in the regions aid recipients with a sufficiently substantial legal structure to provide competent contractual partners for the donor institutions (national governments, European Regional Development and Social Funds, EIB);

11. Is not unaware that certain transfrontier activities by private industry could have fatal consequences if there were no transfrontier authority able, for instance, to avert the dangers to industrial policy and protection of the environment of uncontrolled expansion of industrial technology;

12. Hopes that the Community will take up in particular the problems of transfrontier workers who still have to contend with a number of problems: border controls, the closing of many border posts at night, fluctuations in income as a result of changing exchange rates, less job security and discrepancies in social insurance provisions. The early creation of the Passport Union (point 10 of the final communiqué of the 1974 summit conference, and the Commission's communication to the Council of 3 July 1975) should improve freedom of movement for workers;

13. Considers it necessary to have balanced settlement of industry in the border areas, advantages and disadvantages being considered not with reference to national considerations but on the basis of fair distribution within the regions;

14. Is of the opinion that, in congested areas close to national frontiers a transfrontier building and land use plan would displace narrow parochial policies and make possible a careful division of functions and optimal arrangement of settlement areas;

15. Has ascertained that in many cases public utilities in border areas could be financed much more acceptably if a transfrontier joint authority were to be founded which could ensure optimal exploitation of capacities;

16. Affirms that the consolidation of transfrontier transport infrastructures would contribute not only to socio-economic development but also to cooperation in all spheres of daily life;

17. Is of the opinion that the specific objectives of effective environmental protection require that it should not be cut off at national borders. The universally recognized 'polluter pays' principle makes transfrontier measures a necessity;

18. Is aware that transfrontier health services (systems for transporting patients, accident services and specialist clinics) would be welcomed by the inhabitants of border areas;

19. Also affirms that the consolidation of transfrontier cultural cooperation would provide a basis for all the more consequential trust-inspiring activities and should not be underestimated; it could be supported in a unique way by the influential regional mass media;

20. Is of the opinion that the frequently attractive border regions could be exploited by developing transfrontier tourism and short-distance excursion venues, thereby contributing to economic recovery in the border regions concerned;

IV. The Regional Fund as a financial instrument

21. Emphasizes that the Council Regulation of 18 March 1975 establishing a Regional Development Fund (OJ No L 73, 21. 3. 1975) expressly refers to the need to support border regions, stating in Article 5 (1) (d) that account will be taken of:

'(d) whether the investment falls within a frontier area, that is to say within adjacent regions of separate Member States';

V. European joint authorities as an organizational instrument

22. Emphasizes that apart from the financial solidarity offered by the European Regional Development Fund, the border regions must be given organizational aid as the present legal situation makes transfrontier cooperation between municipalities and regions uncommonly difficult, since:

- the joint authority arrangement under national law makes it necessary for one partner in the transfrontier cooperation to subject himself to the legal system of the neighbouring country,
- international agreements make grass-roots regional policy a matter of 'distant' foreign policy and the preserve of the highest national authorities,
- the present proposals under Community law for forms of transfrontier cooperation (the European Company and the European Cooperation Grouping) are exclusively geared to private business;

23. Therefore desires to submit to those responsible for public welfare an equivalent legal framework for transfrontier cooperation in the form of the European joint authority proposed in this document, to enable the broad range of local authority activities and public utilities (transport undertakings, water, gas and electricity supplies, leisure facilities, medical and social services) and environmental protection, emergency services and promotion of industry to be developed to the benefit of participating local bodies;

24. Considers therefore that it has a special duty to urge the Commission to call on the Council to enact a Regulation on the creation of transfrontier regional authorities, and consequently includes the draft of such a Council Regulation in the present resolution;

25. Points out that the question of enforcement is today crucial to the various Community policies and that non-binding recommendations to the Member States which will not help the border regions should be replaced by other instruments;

26. Therefore urges the Commission to support the formation of European Joint Authorities when the Regulation has been adopted by the Council;

27. Therefore believes that the legal system proposed here, i.e. the European Joint Authority, offers the best framework under Community law for voluntary bilateral or trilateral cooperation between the Member States without any appreciable loss of sovereignty by the latter; any loss of the power of decision will be offset by the fact that representatives of the central authority will also be members of the Regional Council of the European Joint Authority and will therefore be able to exercise direct influence over its decisions; moreover, the activities of the future European Joint Authorities will be geographically limited;

28. Considers that the internal organization of the European Joint Authorities should be governed by flexible outline provisions of Community law, embodied in the regulation, with regard to the foundation and operation of such authorities and the minimum requirements as regards membership;

29. Believes that the national law of the country in which the authorities have their head office must govern relations with third parties in respect of the legal and executive powers of the authorities and legal recourse;

30. Is of the opinion that the Council Regulation should allow the cooperating local and regional authorities as much latitude as possible for independent arrangements depending on regional conditions; planning and coordination duties would be followed at a later stage by independent responsibility for administrative matters and participation in local authority and regional schemes compatible with the aims of public welfare and service;

31. Proposes in the Regulation, which is an integral part of this resolution, the following organizational structure for the European Joint Authorities:

- a Regional Council composed of representatives of member authorities, representatives of national supervisory institutions and, if necessary, a representative of the Commission of the European Communities,
- a Regional Committee composed of senior administrative officials of the member authorities or administrative specialists;

32. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission, the Parliaments of Member States and the Council of Europe.

Draft proposal for a Council Regulation on the creation of transfrontier regional authorities (European Joint Authorities)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the following reasons:

Whereas, in the third programme for medium-term policy ⁽¹⁾, the Council of the European Communities

and the Governments of the Member States reaffirmed the Community's responsibility for a number of regional problems; whereas these included in particular the difficulties arising directly from the integration of the Community and the border areas were explicitly referred to in this connection;

Whereas according to the Decision of the Council and the representatives of the Governments of Member States of 22 March 1971 on the gradual creation of an economic and monetary union ⁽²⁾ — reaffirmed in the Decision of the Council and representatives of the Governments of Member States of 21 March 1972 ⁽³⁾ — in order to remove structural and regional differences measures should be taken to

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 49, 1. 3. 1971, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 28, 27. 3. 1971, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 38, 18. 4. 1972, p. 3.

contribute to a balanced development of the Community;

Whereas by adopting Regulation (EEC) No 724/75 of 18 March 1975 establishing a European Regional Development Fund ⁽¹⁾, the Council honoured this commitment;

Whereas the structural, social and cultural imbalances in the border regions, whereby geopolitically corresponding areas are prevented from harmoniously developing their economic life and raising their standard of living, can be partially corrected in this way;

Whereas the aid measures by the European Regional Development Fund represent only one means of doing this, and in order to solve the problems of border regions it is also necessary to provide for the regions a permanent form of organization for transfrontier cooperation;

Whereas the Treaty does not provide the necessary powers to realize the objectives incumbent on the Community by virtue of Article 2 of the EEC Treaty the Community should be equipped with such powers by virtue of Article 235 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Foundation and operation

1. European regional authorities (hereinafter referred to as 'European Joint Authorities') may be created by contract for a fixed or indefinite term subject to the terms and conditions and in the manner and with the effects laid down by this Regulation.

2. The members of the European Joint Authority shall lay down in the foundation statute their authority's head office which must be situated within the Community.

Article 2

Membership requirements

1. The European Joint Authority shall consist of at least two local or regional authorities or legal persons under public law which are entrusted with their own administration and belong to at least two Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 73, 21. 3. 1975, p. 1.

2. Participation shall be restricted to authorities with representatives and powers of their own.

Article 3

Legal and executive powers

The European Joint Authority shall be a legal person under Community law and shall possess in each Member State the greatest measure of legal and executive authority accorded to legal persons by the statutory provisions of that Member State. In particular it may acquire assets in the form of personal and real estate, found enterprises under national private law or participate in existing enterprises.

Article 4

Applicable law

In as far as no provision is laid down in this regulation or the statute established by the contracting authorities, the law of the State in which the European Joint Authority has its head office shall be applied.

Article 5

Objectives

The task of the European Joint Authority shall be to create an area with balanced economic, social and cultural structures in the fields for which its member authorities are responsible by:

- drawing up its own plans and opinions on national plans,
- coordinating the implementation of national measures,
- assuming independent responsibility for regional administrative matters delegated to it,
- participating in all ways in local or regional projects which are compatible with the aims of public welfare or serve in all areas for which original responsibility has been transferred to the member authorities of which have been referred to them for implementation.

Article 6

Rights

1. The European Joint Authority shall have the same rights as those granted by Member States to

national bodies with similar aims (specific-purpose associations, public-law undertakings).

2. The European Joint Authority may create public welfare undertakings or participate in such undertakings where they already exist.

Article 7

Outline provisions for the Statute of the European Joint Authority

The European Joint Authority shall adopt a Statute containing the following outline provisions:

1. organization of the European Joint Authority (Article 8 of the Regulation);
2. provisions on the Regional Council and its working methods (Articles 9 and 10 of the Regulation);
3. provisions on the Regional Committee and its tasks (Article 11 of the Regulation);
4. termination of membership (Article 13 of the Regulation);
5. winding-up of the European Joint Authority (Article 14 of the Regulation).

Article 8

Organization of the European Joint Authority

The European Joint Authority shall consist of:

1. the Regional Council;
2. the Regional Committee.

Article 9

Regional Council

1. The Regional Council is the decision-making and supervisory organ of the European Joint Authority.
2. It shall be composed of representatives of member authorities. These shall be appointed for a period not exceeding four years. They may be reappointed.
3. The following shall participate in the Regional Council on an advisory basis:
 - (1) representatives of national supervisory institutions;

- (2) representatives of the Commission of the European Communities in as far as the Commission deems it necessary to participate.

Article 10

Working methods of the Regional Council

1. The Regional Council shall take decisions:
 - (1) as recommendations to the affiliated authorities. Such recommendations shall require a simple majority and their contents shall not be binding;
 - (2) as Directives binding on each member authority in respect of the objective to be attained while leaving the choice of the ways and means of attaining the object to the authority.

Such Directives shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members of the Regional Council.

2. The Regional Council shall also be responsible for:

- adopting the statute,
- amending the statute,
- adopting the budget,
- winding-up the European Joint Authority,
- forming committees,
- incorporating new members.

3. Decisions to amend the statute, to pass the budget, to incorporate new members or to wind up the European Joint Authority shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members of the Regional Council. Decisions falling into the other categories shall be made by simple majority of the members of the Regional Council.

Article 11

Regional Committee

1. The Regional Committee is the permanent administrative organ of the European Joint Authority which implements the decisions of the Regional Council. It shall be composed of senior administrative officials of the member authorities or persons whose chief occupation is that of administrative specialist, appointed by the Regional Council.
2. The Regional Committee may submit to the Regional Council proposals for the attainment of the objectives of the European Joint Authority.
3. Through its chairman the Regional Committee shall represent the European Joint Authority in legal and non-legal matters.

Article 12

Legal recourse

1. Any dispute as to the powers of the organs of the European Joint Authority between such organs or on the powers of the European Joint Authority *vis-à-vis* its member authorities shall be referred to the competent court in the country in which the European Joint Authority has its head office.
2. The statute may provide that disputes as to its contents shall be referred to the European Court of Justice pursuant to Article 177 (c) of the EEC Treaty.
3. Proceedings may be opened by the member authorities, their supervisory authorities, the European Joint Authority and the Commission of the European Communities.

Article 13

Termination of membership

1. Membership of the authority shall be deemed terminated:
 - (1) on withdrawal;
 - (2) on the winding-up of a member authority.
2. In the event of the winding-up of a member authority its membership shall automatically expire. The legal successor of such authority may exercise its

Resignation of a member of Parliament

The President announced that Mr Stewart had been appointed chairman of an important committee at the House of Commons, and was therefore resigning as member of the European Parliament.

The President congratulated Mr Stewart on his new appointment.

Budgetary procedure

In accordance with the provisions of the budgetary procedure, and in agreement with the Committee on Budgets, the pre-report time limit for tabling amendments to the Council's modifications, proposals for outright rejection and for forwarding

right to join the European Joint Authority within six months of such winding-up taking effect.

Article 14

Winding-up of the European Joint Authority

1. The European Joint Authority may be wound up by decision taken by two-thirds of the votes of the members of the Regional Council.
2. The European Joint Authority shall be deemed to be wound up when its member authorities belong to only one Member State.
3. The assets of the European Joint Authority shall be distributed among the member authorities. Such distribution shall be undertaken by the Regional Committee subject to the approval of the Regional Council. The organs shall remain in office until all matters relating to assets have been finally settled.

Article 15

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on . . . (after its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*).

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

opinions to the committee responsible was set at 12 noon on 30 November 1976.

The post-report time limit was set at 6 p.m. on 10 December 1976 subject to the report of the committee responsible being submitted on 4 December 1976.

The budget debate would be held during the sitting on Tuesday, 14 December 1976, and the vote on Thursday, 16 December 1976.

Mr Dalyell spoke.

First European social budget (revised)

Mr Albertsen introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs,

5. Notes with satisfaction that in all Member States social expenditure increases as a percentage of national income in the period 1970 to 1975;
6. Takes the view that the fact that individual Member States do not allocate the same proportion of national income to social expenditure shows the need for harmonization of the social systems of the Community;
7. Wonders whether the considerable differences in national administration costs result exclusively from differences in interpretation or in the assumptions used as a basis for the collection of statistical data;
8. Calls on the Commission to improve the quality of future European social budgets, not least by strictly adhering to its own objectives and guidelines, i.e. that the area covered by the social budgets, should be extended, that the comparability of national forecasts should be improved and that the European social budget should be drawn up every two years;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the committee's report to the Council and Commission.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning a Decision adopting the annual report on the economic situation in the Community and laying down the economic policy guidelines for 1977

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 557 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 4 of 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 Community (Doc. 393/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 405/76),
1. Hopes that the economic upturn will continue;
 2. Considers that, in view of the many factors of uncertainty, it is correct to make a cautious and differentiated assessment of economic developments in 1977;
 3. Singles out those signs which seem to point to a continued economic upturn;
 - growing confidence in the future among consumers and savers,
 - incipient results from the efforts by governments and workers' and employers' organizations to slow down the incomes race,
 - the reduction in price and cost rises,
 - the rise in productivity and profits in many branches of industry, which has increased the chances of higher investment,
 - the continued expansion of world trade;
 4. Draws attention on the other hand to the risk of:
 - the economic upturn being brought to a halt by the lack of Community and international solidarity,
 - the disparities between price and cost rises in the Member States not only not decreasing during 1977 but even increasing again;
 5. Endorses the Commission's proposals:
 - for a restrictive approach to consumption in Member States having a large external deficit and high underlying rates of inflation,
 - not to restrain the increasing expansion in domestic demand in those Member countries without balance of payments problems and where a further slowdown in price increases is likely, so as to facilitate the process of adjustment within the Community;

6. Draws attention to the importance, if the medium-term targets (stability, growth and full employment) are to be attained, of achieving in the short-term a substantial growth in productive investment in order to reduce unemployment due to the present economic situation; believes that the attitude of the parties in the forthcoming wage negotiations may have a much greater influence on the investment climate than traditional devices for encouraging investment;
7. Stresses that the social partners can be expected to show a sense of responsibility only when a solution is found to the problems of distribution of wealth and its acquisition by the workers;
8. Notes that despite the favourable short-term economic prospects, no substantial fall in unemployment can be expected, since it also has structural causes, which must be tackled within the framework of a medium-term structural policy;
9. Concurs with the Commission in attaching greater importance to monetary and credit policies as means of fighting inflation and therefore welcomes the Commission's proposals for restricting the money supply in each Member State;
10. Deplores the fact that — even though they are adopted by the Council in the form of a decision — the guidelines are not in practice looked upon by the Member States as fully binding;
11. Stresses that Member States are under an obligation, when departing from the guidelines, to consult the Council and the Commission on their reasons for doing so;
12. Notes with mounting concern that economic growth is leading to increased divergencies between 'the most prosperous and the poorest regions in the Community'; is therefore of the opinion that regional and sectoral structural policies must be strengthened financially and better organized at Community level;
13. As regards the measures to achieve a greater convergence of economic and monetary development in the Member States, refers to its opinion on the fourth medium-term economic policy programme;
14. Draws attention to the Community's share of responsibility for the world economy as a whole and for its weaker members in particular and believes that everything should be done to enable the Community, in accordance with the letter (Article 116, EEC Treaty) and spirit of the Treaties, to take up a common position at international meetings;
15. Regrets that the European Parliament, under the present procedure for dealing with the annual economic report and Member States' revenue and expenditure policies and economic policies, has only a limited opportunity to influence the decision-making process in the national parliaments;
16. Therefore calls upon the Community institutions to draw up jointly a new procedure, under which the European Parliament:
 - (1) will be consulted on the drawing up of guidelines for Member States' revenue and expenditure policies (second quarter),
 - (2) will assess to what extent Member States' financial and budgetary policies comply with the guidelines drawn up by the Community in order to draw the appropriate conclusions for the following year's guidelines;
17. Regrets moreover that the Community's own budget is largely national and cannot as yet be used as an instrument of economic policy;
18. Instructs its President to forward this resolution also to the Governments of the Member States and to the national parliaments.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the draft recommendation from the Commission of the European Communities to the Member States on vocational preparation for young people who are unemployed or threatened by unemployment

The European Parliament,

- having been optionally consulted by the Commission on this draft recommendation (Doc. 298/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 398/76),
1. Expresses its regret that, in spite of repeated objections by the European Parliament, the Commission has again opted for the non-binding legal form of the recommendation;
 2. Is concerned about the extent of youth unemployment in the Community, which has to be seen in terms of unemployment as a whole; shares the fear that this is a long-term problem which will not be solved automatically by increased demand for labour; and also considers that unemployment is to a certain extent determined by the economic system operated by the countries of the Community;
 3. Believes nevertheless that it is very important also in the short term to take measures which, while not tackling the problem at the roots, will lead to a reduction in unemployment and above all to better integration of young people into working process;
 4. Takes the view that young people with no vocational training are the hardest hit by unemployment, and agrees with the Commission that the problems of these young people must be dealt with urgently;
 5. Points out that it is poorly educated young people in particular who often cannot obtain training places and that vocational preparation must take account of this fact;
 6. Expresses doubts about the Commission's policy, although agreeing with its aims, as the measures recommended are sometimes both incomplete and unrealistic;
 7. Proposes that a period of two years be recommended for vocational preparation, and that the list of measures given by the Commission be extended to include:
 - (a) introduction to the working environment and practical experience of various fields of work,
 - (b) training of young people with the following alternative aims, having regard to their capabilities: qualification as a skilled worker, specialized training to a level below that level or assistance in special workshops to enable young people to earn their own living;
 8. Considers in this connection that, where appropriate, young people ought to be given the opportunity to complete elementary schooling;
 9. Expects the countries of the Community to be recommended to set up training centres in cases where companies do not provide sufficient training places;
 10. Regrets the lack of any reference to the need for state undertakings to provide more training places and jobs for young people;
 11. Considers it unrealistic to recommend that 'young people threatened by unemployment should be given reasonable leave of absence from their work in order to undertake vocational preparation';
 12. Points out that the coordination and improvement repeatedly called for by the European Parliament in the vocational guidance provided for in the EEC Treaty have hitherto remained merely empty phrases, and fears that this Commission recommendation will not produce any radical progress either;
 13. Takes the view that the idea behind the recommendation must be supported, but asks the Commission to increase the likelihood of its proposals being carried into effect by supplementing and formulating them more realistically as part of a binding programme of action.

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 establishment of common rules for certain types of 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 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 324/75/I),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and to the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 348/76),
1. Notes that the proposed Directive merely makes a number of additions to the previous Directives of 1962 ⁽²⁾, 1972 ⁽³⁾ and 1974 ⁽⁴⁾;
 2. Notes also that the new measures to liberalize certain international transport operations concern exceptional cases;
 3. Feels, however, that this relatively minor measure should be placed in a more general context;
 4. Emphasizes in particular the need to maintain parallel progress in the liberalization of the markets and the harmonization of the conditions of competition (cost of infrastructures, social provisions, taxes, technical restrictions, etc.);
 5. Also considers that a policy of liberalization should be accompanied by safeguards in case the market should be seriously disrupted;
 6. Once again deplores the piecemeal policy involving minor measures, which conceal the lack of an overall concept and of major decisions;
 7. Poses the question whether, in view of the failure to reach a general compromise on the priorities of the common transport policy (Council of Transport Ministers of 10 and 11 December 1975), the Council should continue to be 'burdened' with opinions which will not be taken into consideration, until the basic principles relating to transport, which Parliament has already approved, are adopted;
 8. Is convinced that the rule that Council decisions on transport matters must be taken unanimously is likely to prevent a decision from being taken, even in areas not affecting the vital interests of the Member States, such as increases in Community quotas or the harmonization of the introduction of summer time within the Community;
 9. Insists most strongly that the Council of Transport Ministers should take steps to resolve the situation and, subject to the reservations set out above, approves this proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 1, 5. 1. 1976, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No 70, 6. 8. 1962, p. 2005/62.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 155.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 84, 28. 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 Regulation concerning the fixing of rates for international goods transport by rail

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 75 of the EEC Treaty, (Doc. 324/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 349/76),
1. Refers to its resolution of 25 September 1974 ⁽²⁾;
 2. Welcomes the fact that the Commission submitted on 18 November 1975 eight proposals for Regulations and Directives together with a communication on the operation of the markets in the transport sector, and on 10 December 1975 a further proposal (Doc. 472/75), in which, for the first time, some of the features of the proposed common transport policy are discernible;
 3. Welcomes the Commission's proposal that action should be taken simultaneously in the various sectors of the common transport policy, and suggests that the Council adopt these proposals with the proviso that it simultaneously issues a policy statement which makes the aim of parallel progress credible to the parties directly concerned and to the public;
 4. Approves the principle of orientating the common transport policy towards a market economy;
 5. Points out that limiting action to the introduction of market economy principles and extensive liberalization may cause structural difficulties for international transport if national and international transport systems are too divergent;
 6. Urges, therefore, that common provisions for national transport be introduced as soon as possible so that the discrepancies between national and international arrangements are but a transitional feature;
 7. Points out that liberalization of transfrontier transport will increase competition between the transport undertakings of the various countries and that this competition can only be fair if costs are sufficiently harmonized, which is not the case at present;
 8. Points out that if the proposed measures are to operate satisfactorily, it is essential to convince those concerned that a coherent common transport policy will be established and to eliminate the impression that Community measures are disconnected experiments;
 9. Approves the Commission's proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the fixing of rates for international goods transport by rail (Doc. 324/75, Part V);
 10. Urges, therefore, that even when the railways take commercial responsibility for their tariffs, an arrangement be maintained to enable a reversion to tariffs fixed by the state in times of crisis without further legislation being necessary;
 11. Urges, further, that Community law be extended to include rules against unfair competition, such as the deliberate harm caused to their competitors by transport undertakings charging prices which do not cover the additional cost to them of the transport operation concerned;
 12. Urges that if the rules against unfair competition and the precautionary measures to deal with crisis situations cannot be implemented as part of a general regulation, along with the Regulation on reference tariffs, they should be included in the Regulation on tariffs;
 13. Calls for greater emphasis to be placed on the Community's interest in the setting up of through international tariffs;
 14. Requests the Commission, therefore, to make the following amendments to its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

(1) OJ No C 1, 5. 1. 1976, p. 28.

(2) OJ No C 127, 18. 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 concerning a system for monitoring the markets for the carriage of goods by rail, road and inland waterway between the Member States

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 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 324/75),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 350/76),
1. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission has submitted a series of proposals designed to provide the impetus for a practical definition of the regulations required to implement the principles formulated in the communication submitted to the Council in 1973 on the development of a common transport policy;
 2. Regrets, however, that the Council was unable to go more thoroughly into this communication and feels that failure to make further progress will undermine confidence in the sectors concerned, whose cooperation is essential for the reforms deriving from the implementation of the common policy;
 3. Urges that everything be done to ensure that the Council undertakes a constructive review of the entire situation and thus succeeds in maintaining a proper balance between the decisions required on individual measures;
 4. Considers that priority should be given to setting up machinery for monitoring the markets, without which any analysis of the overall situation may well present a distorted picture both at the level of the individual operators and at the level of national and Community public authorities;
 5. Approves, therefore, this proposal for machinery to monitor the markets, but reserves the right to submit the problems dealt with in this report to closer study at a later stage when it is asked for its opinion on the implementing regulations;
 6. Takes the view that the system for monitoring the markets must be given an important part to play in determining possible future crisis situations;
 7. Invites the Member States to take action to enable the Commission of the European Communities to obtain such information and statistical data as is necessary, to be collected and compiled in accordance with accepted criteria and within fixed time limits.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 1, 5. 1. 1976, p. 28.

RESOLUTION

on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on action in the field of transport infrastructure and embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision instituting a consultation procedure and creating a Committee in the field of transport infrastructure and a Regulation concerning aid to projects of Community interest in the field of transport infrastructure

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication and proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 244/76),
 - having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 377/76),
 - recalling the disappointing lack of progress that has been made towards the construction of a common transport policy,
 - taking into consideration the importance it has consistently attached to the need to give a Community dimension to transport infrastructure projects of Community interest,
1. Welcomes the present initiative taken by the Commission in this field whilst reserving its right to give a more detailed opinion;
 2. Recalls to the Council the views concerning the need for common action in the field of transport infrastructure, which it has already urged in paragraph 8 I(b), II(d) and IV(b) of its resolution on the principles of the common transport policy ⁽²⁾ and in paragraphs 6 and 7 of its resolution concerning permanent links across certain sea straits ⁽³⁾;
 3. Urges the Council to give speedy and favourable consideration to the initiative and general principles contained in the Commission's communication and proposals.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 207, 2. 9. 1976, pp. 7 and 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 127, 18. 10. 1974, p. 24.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 5, 8. 1. 1975, 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 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 (1977)

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 Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 302/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 418/76),
- Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 233, 5. 10. 1976, p. 2.

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 dumping of wastes at sea

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 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 497/75),
 - having regard to the second report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 375/76),
1. Recognizes that marine pollution remains a very important threat to the natural environment;
 2. Notes that all Member States have signed the London Convention, the global agreement on the dumping of wastes at sea, but that not all of these Member States have ratified it;
 3. Notes that various Member States have signed three other international agreements on the dumping of wastes at sea — the Oslo Convention, the Barcelona Convention and the Baltic Convention — but that not all of these Member States have ratified them;
 4. Recognizes the need for every Member State to apply and enforce the rules and criteria for dumping, as laid down by the international convention appropriate to the sea area in question;
 5. Recognizes that the provisions of various conventions may properly vary according to the different characteristics of the sea areas to which they apply;
 6. Invites the Commission to amend Annexes I and II to its proposal so that the lists of substances for which dumping is restricted coincide exactly with the provisions in the international conventions appropriate to their various sea areas;
 7. Invites the Commission to ensure in its proposal, that its own proposed enforcement procedures do not conflict with, or in any way duplicate, the enforcement procedures of the various international conventions;
 8. Expresses the hope that the Community will sign and ratify the London, Oslo, Baltic and Barcelona Conventions;
 9. Considers that, thus amended, the present directive provides a means of implementing these international conventions at Community level.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 40, 20. 2. 1976, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

on the consumer and public health aspects of the manufacture and sale of fruit jams, jellies and marmalades, and chestnut purée

The European Parliament,

- having regard to 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 fruit jams, jellies and marmalades, and chestnut purée ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 18 December 1975 on the Commission's proposals for the elimination of technical trade barriers, in particular for Directives on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on taximeters, lifting and mechanical handling appliances and electrically operated lifts, and on fruit jams, jellies and marmalades, and chestnut purée ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the second report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 376/76),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 202, 4. 9. 1975, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 7, 12. 1. 1976, p. 38.

1. **Emphasizes that the Commission's amended proposal for a Directive should not be confined to the elimination to technical barriers to trade but should primarily be based on considerations of consumer policy and public health;**
2. **Recalls in this connection the obligations entered into by both the Council and Commission in the preliminary programme of the European Economic Community for a consumer protection and information policy ⁽¹⁾ of 14 April 1975;**
3. **Endorses on the whole the opinion drafted by Mr Liogier on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 343/75/Annex);**
4. **Insists that manufacturers fully respect the provisions laid down in Annex IV to the Directive, which restrict the sulphur dioxide content of finished products to 10 and 50 mg/kg;**
5. **Calls on the Commission, in the framework of the provision laid down in Article 13 (2) of the amended proposal for a Directive for reviewing, on the basis of information gained during the five-year transitional period, the possibility of adding preservatives to products having a content of dry soluble matter of less than 63 %, to propose a Regulation which takes full account of consumer interests;**
6. **Consequently calls upon the Commission, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty, to submit to the Council the following amendments to its proposal for a Directive of 25 July 1975 on fruit jams, etc.:**
 - a) **where products with a content of dry soluble matter of less than 63 % are put on to the market, consumers should be informed by means of an easily legible notice on the containers or labels that the products concerned should be stored in a cool place,**
 - b) **the use of colouring matter should be quantitatively restricted. Moreover, in accordance with the proposal for a Directive on the labelling of foodstuffs, all colouring matter must be specified on containers or labels. Annex III (2) should be altered accordingly,**
 - c) **precise maximum quantities should be laid down in Annex III (2) for each additive authorized,**
 - d) **indication of the sulphur dioxide content (SO₂) should be made obligatory and the appropriate addition incorporated in Annex IV or elsewhere in the proposed Directive,**
 - e) **the obligation provided for in the Directive to specify the additives used must not be whittled away by the application of escape clauses. Consequently, in Article 6 (5), the words: 'relating to labelling in force in the Member State in which the product is to be consumed' should be replaced by 'laid down in the proposal for a Directive on the labelling and presentation of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer',**
 - f) **the provision concerning the specification of particulars in the national language or languages of the consumer must be made binding. Consequently, in the second paragraph of Article 8, the word 'may' should be replaced by the word 'must',**
 - g) **indication of the time limit for consumption must be made obligatory. Consequently, the optional provision proposed by the Commission in Article 9 should be deleted and an obligatory provision added in Article 6,**
 - h) **the detailed rules concerning methods of sampling and analysis should be drawn up not later than the date of application of the Directive. This makes an addition to Article 11 necessary,**
 - i) **the working procedure of the Standing Committee for Foodstuffs laid down in Article 12 should, by incorporating the usual changes, be brought into conformity with the stand already taken up by the European Parliament on the institutional aspect of this problem,**
 - j) **products intended for export should be clearly indicated as such if they are to be exempt from Community regulations. The first part of Article 14 should therefore read as follows:**

'This Directive shall not apply to products which can be proven to be intended for export to countries outside the Community',

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 92, 25. 4. 1975, p. 1.

(k) the Directive should be applied within one year of its notification. Article 15 (1) should therefore read as follows:

'Member States shall, within one year following notification of this Directive, make such amendments to their laws as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of this Directive and ensure its application. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof',

(l) Member States must communicate to the Commission the text of all provisions of internal law which they intend to adopt in the field covered by this Directive in good time for the Commission to express its opinion on them. Article 15 (2) should be amended accordingly;

7. Urges the Council, when drawing up the final text of the Directive, to take full account of these reservations and requests of the European Parliament, which are based on considerations of consumer policy and public health;

8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the committee's report to the Council and Commission.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision concluding a Convention for the protection of the Rhine against chemical pollution and an Additional Agreement to the Agreement signed in Berne on 29 April 1963 concerning the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine against Pollution

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 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 341/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 400/76),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 239, 12. 10. 1976, p. 3.

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the results obtained by the Commission in the negotiations within the framework of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine against Pollution;
2. Approves the Commission's proposal;
3. Recalls its resolutions of 19 November 1970 ⁽¹⁾, 16 December 1971 ⁽²⁾ and 20 June 1975 ⁽³⁾;
4. Requests the Commission to insist on advantage being taken of the latest scientific findings in the implementation of the Convention and on everything being done to achieve progress in keeping the Rhine clean.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 143, 3. 12. 1970, p. 30.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 2, 11. 1. 1972, p. 22.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 157, 14. 7. 1975, p. 92.

RESOLUTION

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

- I. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of Member States relating to veterinary medicinal products
- II. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of Member States relating to analytical, pharmacotoxicological and clinical standards and protocols in respect of the testing of veterinary medicinal 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 pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 132/76),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 152, 5. 7. 1976, p. 1.

- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 421/76),

1. Notes with satisfaction that, with the present proposals for Directives, the Commission has taken a first step towards achieving the free movement of veterinary medicinal products;
2. Welcomes the Commission's endorsement of the principle that any regulations in the field of the production and distribution of these medicinal products must have the safeguarding of public health as its main objective;
3. Regrets, however, that the Commission has opted for the introduction in stages of proposals which are too limited both in scope and content;
4. Considers that the envisaged reciprocal recognition of authorizations to place veterinary medicinal products on the market should have been treated within the framework of these Directives;
5. Recommends the Commission, in view of the increasingly industrial nature of stock-breeding and in view of the fact that the number of veterinary preparations is distinctly smaller than the number used in human medicine, to broaden the field of application of the present proposals to cover medicated feedingstuffs, serums and vaccines;
6. Also regrets that, in the interests of the ultimate user, the distribution of and publicity for these medicinal products is not satisfactorily regulated;
7. Considers it desirable that supervision and inspection of the authorizations granted by the Member States should continue to be carried out in the first instance by the competent authorities of the Member States concerned;
8. Considers that it is not desirable to set up a new committee for veterinary medicinal products, since the tasks it is intended to assume can be taken over by one of the existing committees;
9. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive supplementing, with regard to the chilling process, amended Directive 71/118/EEC 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 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 256/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 401/76),
1. Notes with satisfaction the report from the Commission to the Council concerning chilling processes for slaughtered poultry;
 2. Refers to its resolution of 25 September 1974 ⁽²⁾;
 3. Notes with surprise that a hygienically unsatisfactory poultry chilling process has still not been prohibited;
 4. Understands, however, the economic difficulties which a prohibition of this kind on the 'Spinchiller' process would signify for the poultrymeat industry;
 5. Recalls that, in its basic Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971, the Council stated then that the prohibition referred to would have effect from 1 January 1976;
 6. Points out, however, that in Directive 75/431/EEC ⁽³⁾, the date on which the prohibition was to have taken effect was postponed until 18 months after submission by the Commission of a report on admissible chilling processes but not beyond 1 January 1978;
 7. Is of the opinion that, since improved chilling processes are available, the Spinchiller process should be prohibited at an early date;
 8. Requests the Commission, therefore, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty, to amend as follows the present Directive laying down standards for immersion chilling processes, with a view to achieving satisfactory results as regards hygiene.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 200, 26. 8. 1976, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 127, 18. 10. 1974, p. 29.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 192, 24. 7. 1975, 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 on the autonomous and special arrangements for beef and veal products originating in some signatory States of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé

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 (Doc. 359/76),

- having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75 of 24 June 1975 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories, and to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3328/75 of 18 December 1975 renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1466/76,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 406/76),
1. Approves the proposal for a Regulation extending the beneficial arrangements for the ACP countries concerned for 18 months;
 2. Believes that the proposed measure will provide a greater degree of stability and facilitate the production of beef and veal in those countries which are very dependent on them, while taking account of developments in the market situation.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning a three-year indicative food-aid programme (1977 to 1979)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 452 fin.),
- recalling its resolution of 12 July 1974 on the memorandum from the Commission of the European Communities on Community food-aid policy ⁽¹⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974, p. 88.

- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 323/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and to the opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 407/76),

1. Emphasizes that the Community's food-aid programme should be made an integral part of the common agricultural policy and that the aid should be allocated with reference both to needs and market conditions in the recipient countries; and welcomes the Commission's proposal to establish a medium-term programme allowing the Community to grant a substantial volume of aid, whilst promoting in parallel indigenous production;
2. Notes that under the proposals, it will still be possible for Member States to select the size of their national contributions in cereals, while providing for the opportunity of increasing the role of Community aid, which it welcomes;
3. Regrets that the European Community alone among the major donors has not so far responded to the call made at the World Food Conference for an increase in food aid in cereals;
4. Approves the specific proposals for 1977, but calls upon the Commission to set increased minimum targets for skimmed-milk powder and butteroil for the year 1978 and again for 1979;
5. Notes that the programme is indicative, so that firm commitments continue to be made on an annual basis only;
6. Stresses that, in view of the chronic and growing shortage in food requirements of the developing world and in particular of cereals, the greatest efforts should be made to reach the proposed targets, and that in no circumstances should deliveries be allowed to fall below those of 1976;
7. Believes that in a world of growing interdependence, food aid is both a useful instrument of policy and of mutual benefit to both parties; stresses in this connection the need to reorganize and control the distribution of aid to ensure that it has maximum effect and reaches the people in greatest need.

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 a co-responsibility levy and measures for expanding markets in the milk and milk products sector
- II. a Regulation temporarily suspending certain national and Community aids in the milk and milk products sector
- III. a Regulation concerning a charge on certain oils and fats
- IV. a Decision setting up a Community action for the eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and leucosis in bovines

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 pursuant to Articles 42 and 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 364/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 414/76),
- having regard to the report drawn up by Mr de Koning on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the action programme (1977 to 1980) for the progressive achievement of balance in the milk market and on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation introducing a premium system for the non-marketing of milk and milk products and for the conversion of dairy cow herds (Doc. 343/76),
- whereas the European Parliament has already defined its position on the Commission's proposals for the reorganization of the milk market, postponing its final judgment until a clearer assessment can be made of the damage caused by last summer's climatic conditions,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 270, 16. 11. 1976, p. 2.

OJ No C 252, 26. 10. 1976, pp. 3 and 4.

OJ No C 249, 22. 10. 1976, p. 5.

1. Agrees with the suspension for such Community and national aid which results in a further increase in milk surpluses, but considers that these proposals are so broadly conceived as to impede the objectives of the modernization and structural policy;
 2. Requests, therefore, that Community aid measures should be continued, in pasture and other areas where it is not possible to replace milk production with other activities, for well-defined projects of modest size which are compatible with structural reform and which help to improve working conditions on family farms without thereby directly or indirectly increasing production capacity;
 3. Is of the opinion that Community aid should also be retained for projects designed to rationalize and modernize dairies in so far as this will not lead to increased milk production but will increase the sale of milk and milk products;
- Urges that a suitable transitional Regulation be adopted to guarantee the completion of projects already under way and that the suspension of aid should not be applied retroactively;
4. Recalls that the European Parliament has approved the principle of the financial co-responsibility of producers related to the market situation and draws attention to points 14 to 19 inclusive of the resolution contained in the report by Mr de Koning on the action programme for the reorganization of the milk market ⁽¹⁾, and asks that account be taken of the degree of self-sufficiency in the milk sector in Italy, where it is lower than anywhere else in the Community, with a view to establishing an agricultural policy which better satisfies the real needs of Italian agriculture;
 5. Approves the rate of the co-responsibility levy set at 2.5 % of the target price of milk as from 1 April 1977;
 6. Is of the opinion that, in the case of the co-responsibility levy which the Commission has stated need not apply to mountain and hill regions listed pursuant to Article 3 (3) of Directive 75/268/EEC, no exception should be made for the less-favoured areas referred to in Article 3 (4) and (5) of this Directive;
 7. Is of the opinion that producer groupings organized at Community level must be given a say in the management of the funds which they produce and requests the Commission to submit proposals at the earliest opportunity on ways of putting this principle into effect;
 8. Approves the measures proposed by the Commission for expanding markets in the Community and third countries which are to be financed from the yield from the co-responsibility levy;
 9. Emphasizes that the yield from this levy must be used exclusively and in its entirety for the specific aim of increasing the sales of milk and milk products;
 10. Is of the opinion that the provision of additional food aid is of particular importance and therefore that multi-annual programmes should include the provision of a larger quantity of skimmed-milk powder as food aid than has been customary in the past, if consistent with public health requirements, and invites the Commission to consider to what extent the allocation of food aid between the developing countries, and delivery and local distribution can be improved but urges the Commission to use its best endeavours to promote cereal production for food aid purposes;
 11. Consistent with the decision of Parliament in paragraph 22 of Mr de Koning's report ⁽²⁾ on the action programme for the reorganization of the milk market, rejects wholeheartedly the Commission's proposal for a levy on certain vegetable oils and fats;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 259, 4. 11. 1976, p. 31.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 259, 4. 11. 1976, p. 33.

12. Considers the Commission's proposal for the sale of whole milk at reduced prices in schools to be sound, but asks the Commission to study the possibility of extending this scheme to semi-skimmed and skimmed milk;
13. Approves the Community measures for the eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and leucosis in bovines, but points out that they cannot be achieved completely until the provisions adopted under Article 43 of the EEC Treaty in respect of action to combat epizootic diseases have been harmonized;
14. Points out that in cases where the compensation referred to in Article 7 (2) of the proposal on the eradication of the diseases in question cannot be drawn concurrently with the non-marketing and conversion premiums, this compensation is considerably below the level of the EAGGF Guidance Section's contributions to the costs of projects for the improvement of structures;
15. Is of the opinion that the body of measures designed to encourage the non-marketing of milk, the conversion of dairy cow herds and the eradication of bovine diseases is not sufficiently oriented towards encouraging the voluntary cessation of farming or conversion to other agricultural sectors;
16. Requests the Commission to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning:

- a Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities
- the application of the unit of account to the European Communities Budget (draft resolution of the Council and proposal for a Council Regulation (ECSC, EEC, Euratom) amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 210 fin. and 515 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 166/76 and Doc. 360/76),
 - having regard to the interim reports of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 305/75 and Doc. 296/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets on the inter-institutional dialogue on certain budgetary questions (Doc. 97/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 469/76),
- (a) aware of the special significance which attaches to the Financial Regulation in so far as it sets out the procedure for establishing and implementing the budget and for presenting and auditing accounts;
 - (b) recalling that, over the past three years, certain shortcomings in the Financial Regulation came to notice which require to be corrected;

- (c) considering that the present revision enables proposals to be put forward for setting right certain anomalies in the Financial Regulation;
 - (d) having regard to the experience of the Control Sub-Committee;
 - (e) believing that urgency attaches to the adoption of the package of amendments now proposed so that the preliminary draft budget 1978 may be prepared in accordance with the revised text;
1. Notes that the Commission's draft takes account of many of the proposals for amendments put forward by Parliament over the past two years;
 2. Expresses satisfaction with the proposals for the setting out in the budget of particulars of borrowing and lending operations and attaches special importance to the text of the final subparagraph of Article 1 (1) and of Article 16 (3) of the draft amended Financial Regulation;
 3. Considers it highly desirable that, as proposed in the draft amendment to Article 15 (3), the budgetary nomenclature shall be decided during the budgetary procedure;
 4. Believes that the situation in regard to draft supplementary or amending budgets and to amending letters needs to be clarified and strengthened so as to safeguard the position of Parliament and to remove the possibility of problems arising in the future in regard to these aspects of the budgetary process;
 5. Considers that its proposals in regard to the commitment authorizations aspect of the budget will add to budgetary transparency and will provide much needed flexibility and coherence in regard to the coverage of multi-annual projects;
 6. Stresses that safeguarding annuality is essential to the effective execution by Parliament of its role in regard to the general budget and considers that the Financial Regulation, as amended by the following proposals, conforms with the criteria of annuality and transparency;
 7. Attaches special importance to the future role of the proposed Court of Auditors, in so far as effective control of Community income and expenditure is concerned;
 8. Reiterates, in the present context, its earlier calls for the swift ratification of the Treaty of 22 July 1975 and for the rapid establishment of the Court of Auditors;
 9. Expects that, after the members of the Court of Auditors have been appointed, Parliament and Council, acting by common accord on the basis of a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities and from the Court of Auditors, will amend the Financial Regulation further in so far as provisions relating to the competence, powers and methods of operating the Court's powers are concerned;
 10. Notes with satisfaction that some of its earlier demands for the simplification of the presentation of the research part of the budget have been incorporated in the present review;
 11. Calls on the Commission to present, in one year's time, proposals for a fresh revision of the research part of the budget so as to improve its transparency further in the light of experience;
 12. Regards the provisions in relation to the European unit of account as a step towards the unification of the system of units of account in use in the Communities;
 13. Adheres to its belief that the provision in the Treaty in regard to the artificial division of expenditure into compulsory and non-compulsory categories is obsolete;
 14. Allows, nevertheless, references in the amended Financial Regulation to this distinction to stand, for pragmatic reasons, without in any way endorsing the categorization;

15. Notes with approval that the system of non-automatic carry forwards of appropriations, which considerably distorted the annual budgetary pattern in recent years, will disappear under the amended Financial Regulation;
16. Considers that the Financial Regulation should be re-examined once every three years to ensure that it is kept up to date, on the basis of a proposal from the Commission, recourse being had to the concertation procedure, if called for;
17. Calls for the earliest possible setting up of the common basis of assessment of VAT so that it may enter into operation on 1 January 1978, and that the financial autonomy of the Communities, envisaged in the Decision of 21 April 1970, may be fully realized;
18. Believes that it is essential that the text of the Financial Regulation should be consolidated and, therefore, calls on the Commission to produce a unified text as soon as may be after the amendments to the Financial Regulation are adopted;
19. Stresses the need for a harmonized translation of the revised text into all the official languages of the Communities so as to avoid possible misunderstandings arising;
20. Requests the Commission to adopt the following amendments, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
21. Insists that the amendments to the Financial Regulation constitute a subject to which the provisions of the joint declaration ⁽¹⁾ of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 4 March 1975 regarding the conciliation procedure should apply;
22. Calls as a consequence for recourse to the conciliation procedure should the Council intend to depart from the text as amended by the European Parliament.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 89, 22. 4. 1975, p. 1.

RESOLUTION

on the fixing of the ECSC levies and on the drawing up of the operational budget for 1977

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the *aide-memoire* from the Commission on the fixing of the ECSC levies and on the drawing up of the operational budget for 1977 (Doc. 475/76),
 - following the joint meeting of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education and the Committee on Energy and Research,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (doc. 476/76),
1. Notes the considerable improvement this year in both the form and content of the Commission's *aide-memoire*;
 2. Expresses concern at a degree of stagnation and inflexibility in the operational budget in an economic and financial context which is particularly changeable;
 3. Therefore requests the Commission to undertake a thoroughgoing review of the role of this budget in relation to the ECSC investment budget and the general budget of the European Communities;
 4. Considers that, in the present economic conditions, a modification of the levies would not be advisable;
 5. Consequently approves the draft ECSC budget for the financial year 1977 presented by the Commission and requests it to maintain the levies at 0.29 %;
 6. Requests the Commission to forward to it next autumn an interim report on the implementation of this budget.
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

DECISION

on the accounts of the European Parliament as at 31 December 1972

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 132/73);
- having regard to its resolution of 3 July 1973 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts and the statement of assets and liabilities of the Communities for the accountancy procedures in respect of the 1972 budget, and to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1972 (Doc. 74/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 460/76),

1. Fixes the budget of the European Parliament as at 31 December 1972 at a final figure of 15 017 533·18 units of account (u.a.) in expenditure commitments entered into during this financial year, of 13 042 358·09 u.a. actually spent by 31 December 1972 and of payments amounting to 614 366·97 u.a. made under the special Council Decision authorizing the closure of operations for the financial year 1972 and of 1 360 808·12 u.a. still to be paid out at the end of this financial year;
2. Asks the Control Sub-Committee of the Committee on Budgets to continue to keep the expenditure of Parliament under constant supervision;
3. Gives a discharge to its President and its Secretary-General pursuant to Rule 50(A) 3 of its Rules of Procedure.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 62, 31. 7. 1973.

DECISION

on the accounts of the European Parliament as at 31 December 1973

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 66/74),
- having regard to its resolution of 25 April 1974 ⁽¹⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 55, 13. 5. 1974.

- having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts and the statement of assets and liabilities of the Communities for the accountancy procedures in respect of the 1973 budget, and to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1973 (Doc. 120/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 460/76),
1. Fixes the budget of the European Parliament as at 31 December 1973 at a final figure of 23 044 199.11 units of account (u.a.) in expenditure commitments incurred during this financial year, of 21 433 333.99 u.a. actually spent and 1 610 865.12 u.a. still to be paid out at the end of this financial year;
 2. Asks the Control Sub-Committee of the Committee on Budgets to continue to keep the expenditure of Parliament under constant supervision;
 3. Gives a discharge to its President and its Secretary-General pursuant to Rule 50(A) 3 of its Rules of Procedure.

DECISION

on the accounts of the European Parliament as at 31 December 1974

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 58/75),
 - having regard to its resolution of 28 April 1975 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts and the statement of assets and liabilities of the Communities for the accountancy procedures in respect of the 1974 budget, and to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1974 (Doc. 383/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 460/76),
1. Fixes the budget of the European Parliament as at 31 December 1974 at a final figure of 32 210 293.40 units of account (u.a.) in expenditure commitments incurred during this financial year, of 29 315 181.38 u.a. actually spent and 2 895 112.02 u.a. still to be paid out at the end of this financial year;
 2. Asks the Control Sub-Committee of the Committee on Budgets to continue to keep the expenditure of Parliament under constant supervision;
 3. Gives a discharge to its President and its Secretary-General pursuant to Rule 50(A) 3 of its Rules of Procedure.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 111, 20. 5. 1975.

DECISION

on the giving of a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1972 and on the report of the Audit Board

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts and statements of the assets and liabilities of the Communities for the accountancy procedures in respect of the 1972 budget and the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency (Doc. 74/74),
- having regard to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1972 and the answers of the institutions to the report (Doc. 74/74),
- having regard to the Council Decision of 1 June 1976 on the giving of a discharge to the Commission (Doc. 169/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 460/76),

1. Notes with the Council that the expenditure of the Communities in the financial year 1972 was 3 074 372 686·98 units of account (u.a.);

2. Notes that the receipts were broken down as follows:

(a) own resources:	1 756 824 460·60 u.a.
(b) financial contributions:	1 236 613 157·39 u.a.
(c) miscellaneous revenue:	<u>80 935 068·99 u.a.</u>
Total:	3 074 372 686·98 u.a.

1972 discharge

3. Decides to give the Commission of the European Communities a final discharge in respect of the implementation of the 1972 budget ⁽¹⁾, supplementary and amending budget No 1 for 1972 ⁽²⁾ and supplementary budget No 2 for 1972 ⁽³⁾;

4. Refers to the resolution on the comments accompanying the Decisions giving discharge and asks the Commission to report on the measures taken following these comments in accordance with Article 92 of the Financial Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 202, 4. 9. 1972.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 240, 23. 10. 1972.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 287, 26. 12. 1972, p. 32.

DECISION

on the giving of a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1973 and on the report of the Audit Board

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts and statements of the assets and liabilities of the Communities for the accountancy procedures in respect of the 1973 budget and the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency (Doc. 120/75),

- having regard to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1973 and the answers of the institutions to the report (Doc. 120/75),
- having regard to the Council Decision of 1 June 1976 on the giving of a discharge to the Commission (Doc. 169/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 460/76),

1. Notes with the Council that the expenditure of the Communities in the financial year 1973 was 4 641 014 061.60 units of account (u.a.);

2. Notes that the receipts were broken down as follows:

- (a) own resources: 2 496 557 331.49 u.a.
- (b) financial contributions: 2 087 329 476.14 u.a.
- (c) miscellaneous revenue: 57 127 253.97 u.a.

Total: 4 641 014 061.60 u.a.

1973 discharge

3. Notes that, as far as the export of 200 000 metric tons of butter to the Soviet Union is concerned, the Commission should have consulted the budgetary authority before entering into such a large and costly transaction for which, moreover, no provision was made at the beginning of the financial year;

4. Rejects the Commission's argument that, as only a small proportion of the EAGGF Guarantee Section appropriations had been used by April 1973, adequate funds were available to cover this transaction; considers this argument to be inconsistent with the principle of the budget as a forecasting instrument;

5. Decides, however, to give a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the 1973 budgets, given that the Commission has undertaken to consult the budgetary authority in future before taking any decision which is of special political importance or which, owing to its volume, exceeds the scope of normal administrative procedures and has budgetary consequences for which no provision has been made at the beginning of the financial year;

6. Refers to the resolution on the comments accompanying the Decisions giving discharge and asks the Commission to report on the measures taken following these comments in accordance with Article 92 of the Financial Regulation.

DECISION

on the giving of a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1974 and on the report of the Audit Board

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts and statements of the assets and liabilities of the Communities for the accountancy procedures in respect of the 1974 budget and the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency (Doc. 383/75),
- having regard to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1974 and the answers of the institutions to the report (Doc. 383/75),
- having regard to the Council Decision of 1 June 1976 on the giving of a discharge to the Commission (Doc. 169/76),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 460/76),

1. Notes with the Council that the expenditure of the Communities in the financial year 1974 was 5 036 734 394.30 units of account (u.a.);

2. Notes that the receipts were broken down as follows:

(a) own resources: 3 067 700 396.25 u.a.

(b) financial contributions: 1 903 778 070.04 u.a.

(c) miscellaneous revenue: 65 255 928.01 u.a.

Total: 5 036 734 394.30 u.a.

1974 discharge

3. Decides to give the Commission of the European Communities a final discharge in respect of the implementation of the 1974 budget ⁽¹⁾ and supplementary budget No 1 for 1974 ⁽²⁾;

4. Refers to the resolution on the comments accompanying the Decisions giving discharge and asks the Commission to report on the measures taken following these comments in accordance with Article 92 of the Financial Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 115, 29. 4. 1974.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 347, 27. 12. 1974.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the giving of discharge to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the activities of the European Development Fund in 1972, 1973 and 1974

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the reports of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial years 1972, 1973 and 1974 and to the answers of the institutions to those reports (Doc. 74/74, Doc. 120/75 and Doc. 383/75),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 460/76),

1. Requests the Council to give a discharge to the Commission in respect of the financial management of the European Development Fund in the financial years 1972, 1973 and 1974;

2. Regrets that the Council has not given a positive response to Parliament's wish that the European Development Fund be budgetized without delay but has, instead, indicated that it will await the expiry of the present Lomé Convention;

3. Notes that the unused residues of the first European Development Fund have been transferred to the second European Development Fund;

4. Considers that, because external control is entrusted to the Audit Board, all relevant documents — including minutes of the EDF Committee and the reports of the resident supervisors — should be made available to the Audit Board;

5. Asks the Control Sub-Committee of the Committee on Budgets to keep activities in relation to the European Development Fund under continuing supervision.

RESOLUTION

on the comments accompanying the Decisions giving a discharge in respect of the implementation of the budgets of the European Communities for the financial years 1972, 1973 and 1974 ⁽¹⁾

The European Parliament,

1. Urges all the institutions and the Member States to take the necessary steps to ensure that the external audit of the Communities shall be fully effective;

As regards the Audit Board and the future Court of Auditors

2. Insists that the transition from the Audit Board to the Court of Auditors should be effected without any discontinuity in external auditing;
3. Proposes to renew contact with the external audit organs of the Communities and of the Member States with a view to examining the possibilities for cooperation that would ensure integrated Community control;
4. Calls on the Audit Board to exercise fully its rights, in particular those set out at Article 89 of the Financial Regulation;
5. Emphasizes that the Court of Auditors should have adequate and sufficiently highly qualified personnel so as to ensure that the Court of Auditors would be in a position to collaborate effectively with the national audit organs;
6. Urges Member States to accelerate the procedure for ratifying the Treaty of 22 July 1975;

Relations between the external and internal audits

7. Asks all the institutions to ensure that, when complying with Article 89 of the Financial Regulation, information is supplied in a spirit of the fullest cooperation by their financial controllers so that duplication of audit work is avoided;
8. Calls on all the institutions to reinforce the independence of the financial controller and asks the Commission of the European Communities to put forward suitable proposals in this regard;
9. Stresses, however, that notwithstanding the internal control systems of the institutions the Commission in particular remains answerable to the budgetary authority as provided in Article 205 of the EEC Treaty in regard to the implementation of the budget. In this connection consideration must be given to means by which an efficient system of passing information from the internal to the external control body may be organized;
10. Asks the Commission to report as to whether the personnel available for carrying out verifications in Member States is sufficient to perform their tasks adequately;
11. Asks the Commission to examine the suggestion that assistant financial controllers be appointed for the auditing of Community transactions taking place in the Member States and that a corps of inspectors be charged with the carrying out of verifications in Member States;

As regards Parliamentary control

12. Recalls its increased responsibilities, in the view of the taxpayers, for the effective utilization of Community funds and also that it has set up a Control Sub-Committee to look after its interests in this domain;

⁽¹⁾ See the second paragraph of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973: 'The institutions shall take all appropriate steps to take action on the comments appearing in the Decisions giving discharge'.

13. Instructs all the institutions to adhere to the deadlines for the discharge set out in the Financial Regulation so that the problems arising may be dealt with in a prompt and up-to-date manner;
14. Stresses that Parliamentary control is not limited to reactions to the report of the Audit Board but includes consideration of topical issues at any time during the financial year in progress;
15. Notes that the experience of the early months of the Control Sub-Committee's activity has revealed that it can carry out a volume of control work which is of major significance for Parliament and recognizes that an adequate secretariat for the Control Sub-Committee is essential;
16. Stresses the need for preserving the unicity of the Secretariat of the Committee on Budgets and of the Control Sub-Committee so as to ensure that the complementary nature of authorization and auditing of the budget is not disturbed and, with this end in view, proposes that the joint secretariat be raised to the level of a directorate and that it be appropriately reinforced;

As regards the implementation of the budget

Own resources

17. Demands that there be placed at the disposal of the Audit Board all the documents required by it in connection with the auditing of Community own resources — and especially the minutes of the meetings of the Consultative Committee on own resources;

Expenditure

General observations

18. Asks the Commission to provide the Audit Board monthly with particulars of commitment proposals and at the Board's request supporting documents;
19. Calls on the Audit Board to present in its annual report a global analysis of the implementation of the general budget;
20. Asks the Audit Board to present, in the context of a future report, a summary of the policy questions in the sphere of administration noted during past audits and not yet finally closed to the satisfaction of the Board;
21. Stresses the importance of having the new unit of account operational for the 1978 budget;
22. Appreciates the importance of having a management system which rationalizes budgetary choices, simplifies the task of budgetary supervision, facilitates the application of modern control techniques and provides the basis for assessment of longer term priorities — especially now that growing recourse is being had to the use of commitment appropriations; urges the Commission, therefore, to ensure that the methods of expenditure analysis applied by it secure the best possible means of reviewing on-going activities, gauging medium-term trends and assuring maximum benefit from the allocation of resources;

As regards the European Social Fund

23. Calls on the Commission to present, as soon as possible, its proposals for the reform of the European Social Fund with a view to ensuring that the funds earmarked in the budget are utilized rapidly and in a high proportion, in contrast to the practice prevailing hitherto, over-estimation and delays by Member States are eliminated and control is strengthened.
24. Urges the Commission to intensify controls and to make the administrative procedures for the allocation and utilization of funds more efficient;

As regards the EAGGF

25. Observes that, for the financial years 1972, 1973 and 1974, adequate external control in the domain of the EAGGF was not possible but notes that there have been some improvements since 1974;
26. Demands that the Council and the Member States do all that is necessary to ensure that external control may operate effectively in regard to EAGGF expenditure;
27. Asks the Audit Board to analyze the different systems of financing used in the sphere of agricultural policy with a view to determining their effectiveness;
28. Deploing the fact that the inadequate inter-State coordination in regard to the control of Community funds expended in relation to the EAGGF should enable loopholes for irregularities and frauds to persist, calls on the Council and Member States to take the necessary steps to ameliorate the situation;
29. Calls on the Council to adopt the various specific measures proposed by the Commission for the improvement of control in the domain of the EAGGF;
30. Urges the Council to act speedily along the lines recommended by the Special Committee of Inquiry in its reports SEC(74) 3981 and COM(75) 37 and calls on the Commission to put forward the necessary proposals;
31. Asks the Commission to proceed, as rapidly as possible, with the closing of the EAGGF accounts for the years prior to 1971;
32. Calls on the Commission and the Audit Board to give special consideration to the following:
 - the effectiveness of the system of deposits,
 - the system of premiums for slaughtering of animals and the uprooting of fruit trees,
 - verification of the commitments and payments made by departments and bodies in application of Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70;

As regards food aid

33. In view of the wide range of problems referred to by the Audit Board in regard to food aid, asks the Commission to present a special report on the administrative and financial management of food aid including the links with agricultural policy;

As regards research and investment appropriations

34. Recalling the comments made by the Audit Board, in past years, regarding the unsatisfactory nature of the presentation and implementation of the research and investment part of the budget, asks the Control Sub-Committee to prepare a report on this aspect.

RESOLUTION

on draft amending budget No 3 of the European Communities for the financial year 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to preliminary draft amending budget No 3 for 1976,
- having regard to draft amending budget No 3 for 1976 drawn up by the Council (Doc. 477/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 478/76),
- whereas this amending budget results from the Council's adoption of a Regulation amending the conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities,
- whereas it has already delivered a favourable opinion on this Regulation,

Approves amending budget No 3 for the financial year 1976 and instructs its President therefore to declare that amending budget No 3 has been finally adopted.'

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 3330/75 extending 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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 605 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 432/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 454/76),
1. Is disappointed with the present proposal the aim of which is again to prolong for a further year the system of bracket tariffs for the carriage of goods by road between Member States in spite of the difficulties of enforcement and monitoring which this system creates;
 2. Regrets that the Council of Transport Ministers at its meeting of 4 November 1976 instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the proposed system of reference tariffs — on which the European Parliament has issued a favourable opinion ⁽¹⁾ — with the result that the provisional and experimental tariff system introduced in 1968 can still not be replaced by a definitive tariff system;
 3. Approves the Commission's proposal in order to avoid a vacuum in the field of transport tariffs but considers it essential that a definitive system of reference tariffs should come into effect as from 1 January 1978.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 259, 4. 11. 1976, p. 40.

RESOLUTION
on Community trade with Japan

The European Parliament,

— seeking to draw attention to the increasingly serious adverse balance of trade between the Community and Japan,

1. Supports the Commission's continuing efforts to redress the balance;
2. Calls upon the Commission to report regularly on progress in trade negotiations with the Japanese authorities to Parliament's Committee on External Economic Relations;
3. Requests the Commission to identify those legal, economic and political difficulties which continue to hinder the efforts of Community exporters seeking to penetrate the Japanese market;
4. Asks the Commission to propose measures aimed at making the operations of those Japanese firms — especially in the shipbuilding industry — which are principally responsible for exporting to the Community more 'transparent', for instance by requesting the Japanese Government to ensure that the full accounts of these firms are published;
5. Requests the Commission to insist that the Japanese Government makes substantial concessions permitting the industries of the European Community to obtain access to the Japanese domestic market comparable to that enjoyed by Japan on the Community market.
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

RESOLUTION

on the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1977, modified by the Council
on 23 November 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary draft budget of the European Communities for 1977,
 - having regard to the draft general budget for the 1977 financial year drawn up by the Council and the accompanying explanatory memorandum (Doc. 291/76) and the letter of amendment to the draft budget forwarded by Council on 22 October 1976,
 - having regard to the meeting of its delegation with the Council on 23 November 1976,
 - having regard to the outcome of the Council's deliberations on the amendments and proposed modifications adopted by Parliament (Doc. 457/76),
 - having regard to its deliberations on 14 and 16 December 1976,
 - having regard to the supplementary report of its Committee on Budgets (Doc. 472/76),
1. Confirms the position expressed in its first resolution ⁽¹⁾ on the draft budget for 1977 (Doc. 363/76): namely that the budget of the Communities is totally inadequate as an instrument of policy capable of having an impact on the present economic situation;
 2. Reiterates its attitude of opposition to the massive disequilibrium in the present budget and to the failure of Council to approve new Community policies and the financing for them, which would enable the Community to have a possibility of reducing the economic disparities between the regions and of fighting unemployment;

I. The inter-institutional dialogue

3. Notes the continuing progress made this year and last in the conduct of the inter-institutional budgetary dialogue;
4. Reiterates its determination to maintain Parliament's sovereignty in respect of expenditure as well as its desire to increase its participation in decisions affecting all budgetary matters, which is its responsibility as part of the budgetary authority;
5. Regrets that the inter-institutional dialogue has not succeeded in resolving all of the problems which were clearly shown in the previous budgetary period;
6. Deplores the failure of Council to agree to proposals for improving budgetary transparency by the budgetization of loans and by the reviews of budgetary nomenclature;
7. Insists on the importance of the continuation of the inter-institutional dialogue at the beginning of 1977 in order to reach practical agreements between the institutions on the remaining problems before the 1978 budgetary procedure;
8. Urges that the Commission should inform the European Parliament where, on reflection, it changes its position on particular amounts and amendments during the course of the budgetary procedure;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 272, 17. 11. 1976, p. 21.

9. Considers in particular that these discussions should examine the problems posed by the revision of the budget calendar;

10. Deplores the lack of time allowed to Parliament to discuss the agricultural section of the budget, a section which takes up a major share of Community spending;

II. Council's position on amendments and proposed modifications

11. Notes that Council has signified its agreement to a maximum increase in non-compulsory expenditure of 120 million units of account;

12. Disagrees with this approach which infringes Parliament's rights and which also discourages Council from examining proposals from Parliament for the different sectors on their merits;

13. Notes that in examining the proposed modifications and amendments submitted by the European Parliament the Council has agreed to increases in expenditure relating to the Social Fund, the energy sector and aid to developing countries, which corresponds for the first time to some of Parliament's priorities in spending;

III. The decisions of Parliament

14. Decides to accept the amendments not modified by the Council but considers necessary the restoration of certain amendments to the draft budget modified by Council to a total amount of 90 085 800 units of account, which will then be added to the appropriations entered in the draft budget;

15. Believes in particular that further increases in expenditure in aid to the non-associated developing countries, in the energy sector and for the financing of new policies are necessary to provide some impetus for Community activity in these areas;

16. Observes, as a result of Article 203 of the EEC Treaty, which envisages on the one hand the principle of annuality of the budget, and on the other the application of a statistical annual rate of increase to non-compulsory expenditure, that the commitment authorizations cannot under any circumstances be taken into consideration in the calculation of the margin for increase available to the European Parliament;

17. Welcomes the budgetization of appropriations for aid to third countries, appropriations which, like the Commission, it considers to be of a non-compulsory nature;

IV. The budgetary framework

18. Reiterates its overriding concern that the Treaty of 22 July 1975 increasing the budgetary powers of the European Parliament be ratified in time for its application to the 1978 budgetary procedure;

19. Calls again upon Council to deliberate speedily on the draft sixth Directive on the harmonization of the basis for value added tax and its administration so that the definitive system of own resources can enter into force on 1 January 1978 at the latest as envisaged by the Council Decision of 21 April 1970;

20. Notes the need for the resolution of outstanding budgetary problems during the course of 1977 so that a clear and comprehensible budgetary system in which the role of the European Parliament will be such as to enable it to effectively share budgetary authority can be established before direct elections to the European Parliament on the basis of universal suffrage.

RESOLUTION

on the addition to the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament of a new Rule 22A on the conciliation procedure embodied in the joint declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 4 March 1975 ⁽¹⁾

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 54 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions (Doc. 210/76),
1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as follows;
 2. Instructs its President to have this resolution published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, and to forward it for information to the Commission and Council and instructs its Secretary-General to have published a new edition of the Rules of Procedure thus amended, making sure there is perfect concordance between the texts in the six official languages;
 3. Decides that the Rules of Procedure thus amended shall enter into force at the beginning of the next part-session.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 89, 22. 4. 1975, p. 1.

RESOLUTION

on the amendment of Chapter XI of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 54 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the third report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions (Doc. 408/76),
1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as follows;
 2. Instructs its President to have this resolution published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and to forward it for information to the Commission, the Council and the Conference of Foreign Ministers and instructs its Secretary-General to have published a new edition of the Rules of Procedure thus amended, making sure there is perfect concordance between the texts in the six official languages;
 3. Decides that the Rules of Procedure thus amended shall enter into force at the beginning of the next part-session.

RESOLUTION

on the first annual report (1975) of the Commission of the European Communities on the European Regional Development Fund

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the first annual report (1975) on the European Regional Development Fund (COM(76) 307 fin.),
- having received this report from the Commission pursuant to Article 16 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 724/75 of 18 March 1975 establishing a European Regional Development Fund,
- referring to its most recent resolutions on the European Regional Development Fund of 5 July 1973 ⁽¹⁾, 15 November 1973 ⁽²⁾, 13 December 1973 ⁽³⁾, 13 March 1974 ⁽⁴⁾ and 12 March 1975 ⁽⁵⁾,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and to the opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 440/76),
- commending the Commission for having presented its report within the time limit stipulated by the Regulation establishing the Fund,
- stressing that, while an examination of this report has shown that it already provides guidelines for a revision of the Regulation after 1977, a more exhaustive study will be necessary before Parliament is able to make a final pronouncement,

(a) *As regards the urgent need for Community action*

1. Is convinced of the need to reduce disparities in development before proceeding with measures of economic and monetary integration;
2. Deeply regrets that, in spite of Member States' support policies, the difference in the average *per capita* gross domestic product between the rich and poor regions of the Community widened even further between 1970 and 1975, to an extent unforeseen when the Fund was set up;
3. Considers extensive Community action to assist the poorer regions to be essential and urgent, because the present economic recession tends to curtail investment opportunities, reduce the credit available for regional development and create new problems linked to the rise in unemployment;

(b) *As regards concentration and priorities*

4. Stresses that the effectiveness of the European Regional Development Fund will be judged by its capacity to achieve the objective for which it was established, namely, to help reduce the disparities between the privileged and less-favoured regions of the Community;
5. Considers that, however serious they may be, certain recession-linked redevelopment and unemployment problems which may be experienced by some industrialized regions are intrinsically very different from the development problems arising in the least-favoured regions;
6. Urges the Commission to concentrate the Fund's necessarily limited resources exclusively on the regions of the Community suffering from serious structural imbalances, since the problems caused by the recession in normally

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 62, 31. 7. 1973, p. 33.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 108, 10. 12. 1973, p. 51.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 49.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 26.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No C 76, 7. 4. 1975, p. 19.

prosperous regions will diminish with economic recovery, whereas the chronic problems of the least-favoured regions will be exacerbated;

7. Calls upon the Commission to apply the yardsticks it proposed in 1973 (for drawing up a list of regions eligible for assistance from the Fund) for the purpose of assessing with reference to Community criteria whether there has been a judicious allocation of Community aid to those Community regions most severely affected by imbalances;

8. Considers it essential for the Commission to place a broad interpretation on the clause in the Regulation establishing the Fund providing for investment only in those infrastructures 'directly linked with the development of industrial, handicraft or service activities' ⁽¹⁾, since the causes of underdevelopment are not solely economic;

9. Recommends that the Commission should consider as a long-term measure using part of the Fund's resources to set up a 'Regional Development Company' which could become a shareholder in small- and medium-sized undertakings;

(c) As regards coordination

10. Considers that the Fund should not be merely a means of equalization between Member States: it should be the instrument of a genuine Community regional planning and development policy;

11. Takes the view that such an all-embracing structural policy will require coordination of the Community's general and sectoral policies, of Community financial instruments having a 'regional impact' and of national policies and schemes likewise having regional implications;

12. Emphasizes the importance it attaches to the implementation of regional development programmes, not only in pursuance of the Fund's objectives, but also with a view to ensuring coordination between Community and national measures;

(d) As regards 'additionality'

13. Would stress that the Fund's contribution towards solving regional problems, though small in itself, is nonetheless warranted if used to supplement measures taken at national level;

14. Considers that the Commission should therefore refuse to grant aid from the Fund if it cannot clearly be established that the principle of 'additionality' is being observed;

(e) As regards information

15. Considers that the fundamental principle of 'additionality' can be applied only if information is provided on how Community aid is used in the Member States;

16. Recognizes that suitable publicity must be given to the Fund's activities in order to demonstrate to the general public that the European Community has become a reality;

17. Accordingly recommends that the Commission supplement the regional statistical data given in Annex III and provide a regional breakdown of the principal national macro-economic aggregates given in Annex I;

18. Deplores the fact that the list of projects which have received aid from the Fund was not published in the Official Journal within the time limits laid down in Article 14 (2) of the Fund Regulation and that, despite its late appearance, the published information consisted only of a list of projects, without any of the relevant statistics;

⁽¹⁾ Article 4 (1) (b) and (a).

19. Considers that for each economically significant region and each project or programme to which funds are allocated, the list should indicate the nature and amount of the investments involved, the amount of national aid and any other sources of financing, the amount of aid from the Fund and the number of jobs created or maintained;

20. Proposes that, in order to promote information and publicity on regional matters, the Commission should set up a 'Regional Development Documentation Centre';

(f) As regards the role of the regional authorities

21. Considers that the exchange of information should also entail consultations with regional and local authorities;

22. Calls upon the Commission, therefore, to take steps to ensure that the Regional Policy Committee's rules of procedure provide for such consultations and that they are actually entered into by the Committee;

23. Points out that it is impossible to work out a real Community regional policy solely on the basis of relations between the Member States and the Commission, to the exclusion of the regional authorities responsible for economic and social development;

(g) As regards control procedures

24. Notes that the Commission has begun to introduce procedures for checking operations financed by the Fund to ensure that Community aid has been effectively used and urges it to pursue this course, carrying out, if necessary, more extensive checks;

25. Will keep a close watch on the management of the Regional Fund, in the context of the annual discharge on the budget, to ensure that no irregularities occur;

(h) Conclusions

26. Commends the Commission for its speed in implementing the European Regional Development Fund, while reaffirming its reservations in regard to the Regulation adopted by the Council;

27. Calls upon the committee responsible to keep these matters under constant review and to report to it with a view to revising the Regulation establishing the Fund both in respect of the resources placed at its disposal and in respect of the provisions governing their use and allocation;

28. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission.

RESOLUTION

on the results of the meeting of the European Council in The Hague on 29 and 30 November 1976

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the statement by the European Council meeting in the Hague on 29 and 30 November 1976,

1. Notes that the European Council has confirmed, within the framework of the existing proposals, the need for European union and expects the Council of the European Communities to take practical action in this connection;

2. Regrets, however, the lack of any practical proposals as regards economic and monetary harmonization and the absence of a common position on the social problems caused by the economic crisis;

3. Therefore asks the Council and Commission to do everything possible to achieve concerted action with a view to supplementing the current national programmes in the economic, monetary and social fields and to make practical proposals for the achievement of economic and monetary union;
4. Deplores the fact that the Council has not been able to adopt a common position on the Paris Conference (North-South dialogue) and asks that everything possible be done to ensure that this dialogue is successful and that a common position is adopted by the Member States permitting agreement with the developing countries;
5. Reaffirms its hope that the Act relating to the election of the European Parliament by universal suffrage will be ratified as soon as possible by the national parliaments;
6. 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 the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Financial Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 651),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 471/76),
 - having regard to the meetings between a delegation from the European Parliament and the Council on 22 July 1976 and 23 November 1976,
 - having regard to the interim reports of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 296/76 and Doc. 485/76),
1. Approves the Commission's suggestions for a further interim Regulation providing a legal basis for an extension of the field of commitment authorizations;
 2. Stresses once again the interim nature of this draft Regulation which is to apply to the 1977 budget only.

RESOLUTION

on the seizure of Community undertakings in Ghana

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Lomé Convention and in particular Articles 26, 35 and 38 thereof,
 - deeply concerned about recent steps taken by one of the ACP States towards a firm originating in the Community,
 - considering that the necessary investments by the Community industry in the ACP States, which the Lomé Convention promotes, can only take place if the firms are assured legal security in conformity with the principles of natural justice with regard to their investments,
1. Urges the Commission to start negotiations within the framework of the Committee on Industrial Cooperation set up under Article 35 of the Lomé Convention, to lay down concrete provisions in application of Article 38 of the Convention;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

RESOLUTION

on the common fishery policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the failure of the Council of Ministers to agree on the terms of a common internal fishery policy,
 - noting the consequences of the extension of fishing zones to 200 miles,
 - recognizing the urgent need for an adequate interim arrangement,
1. Urges rapid agreement on a temporary interim fishing policy, without prejudice to the solution in the long term on the basis of a Community agreed system of:
 - (a) fishing quotas for each Member State,
 - (b) limiting of fishing effort by licensing arrangements,
 - (c) reserved fishing zones,
 - (d) coastal fishing conservation zones policed by the coastal state for the purpose of conservation of Community fish stocks,such a policy would give due recognition to the historic fishing rights of Member States, the needs of those peripheral coastal regions which are particularly dependent on fishing and the essential requirements of conserving the Community's fish stocks;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation relating to the organization of a survey on the structure of agricultural holdings for 1977

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. 246/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 413/76),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal subject to the amendment indicated below;
 2. Insists that the proposal be applied strictly so as to ensure that there will be no delays caused by the failure of Member States to submit information within established deadlines and in a proper form;
 3. Doubts the wisdom of allowing Member States to choose between a full survey and a random sample survey;
 4. Believes that the statistical surveys on the structure of farm holdings should be employed more directly to monitor the effectiveness of particular structural policies, and calls upon the Commission to come forward with proposals to this end;
 5. Welcomes the indications given by the Commission that efforts are being made to improve the forms in which the results of surveys are published so as to ensure them a wider audience and greater relevance;
 6. Believes that whilst horticultural products are included in Annex I, it is wrong to include general provision for holdings of less than one hectare, and that specific provision should be made for the inclusion of horticultural holdings of less than one hectare in the survey;
 7. Requests, furthermore, the Commission to make provision for special surveys of intensive and non-land based production of beef, poultry and pigmeat, in holdings of less than one hectare;
 8. Requests that a further item, to read '4a. for corporately owned farms', be added to the list of characteristics for the Community schedule of tables for 1977, given in the Annex to the Commission's proposal;
 9. Requests the Commission to adopt the following amendment, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 240, 13. 10. 1976, 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 amending Directives 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964, 72/461/EEC of 12 December 1972 and 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary problems

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 Articles 43 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 240/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 419/76),

1. Deplores the fact that it has proved impossible to achieve complete harmonization of animal health policies throughout the Community owing to the divergent views of the Member States in the veterinary field and that this has prevented free movement of cattle and pigs and fresh meat from being achieved;
2. Emphasizes that the Commission's proposals reflect the difficulties the Community is experiencing in establishing Community rules on animal health measures, as a result of which the derogations granted to the Member States for intra-Community trade, particularly in live animals, must be extended for a further period;
3. Considers that only wide-ranging Community measures to combat contagious animal diseases can overcome the divergencies between the different national rules in the matter of the control and eradication of epizootic diseases;
4. Does not, however, oppose the Commission's proposals, since they offer a temporary solution until such time as common measures to combat the principal epizootic diseases are introduced;
5. Urges the Council to act as quickly as possible on the proposals in the veterinary field which the Commission will put before it.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 168, 22. 7. 1976, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the amendments to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 on the common organization of the market in hops

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the amendments to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 42, 43, 113 and 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 340/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 420/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal subject to the following amendments;
2. Requests the Commission to specify in Article 10a of its proposal the measures which may be taken in the event of market imbalance;
3. Calls on the Commission to adopt the following amendment pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 240, 13. 10. 1976, p. 7.

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 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1162/76 on measures designed to adjust wine-growing potential to market requirements
- II. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 on the granting of a conversion premium in the wine sector

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 pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 410/76),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 443/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposals;
2. Deplores, however, the fact that no provision has been made in the proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 for consultation of Parliament;
3. Therefore invites the Commission to adopt the following amendment pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 273, 18. 11. 1976, p. 5

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation regarding the deadline for the submission of applications for grants from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, for the year 1977

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. 358/76),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 417/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Requests the Commission nevertheless to put an end at an early date to the practice of deferring the deadline for the submission of applications for grants from the Fund or for notifying the Commission's decision to the Member State concerned and the beneficiaries, in order to prevent further damage to the latter's interests arising from the current delay in granting the aids intended to promote the attainment of the objectives laid down in Article 11 of Regulation No 17/64/EEC;
3. Therefore hopes that, as from next year, the dates laid down in the first subparagraph of Article 20 (1) of Regulation No 17/64/EEC may be respected both as regards the notification of the parties concerned of the Commission's decision on applications for grants from the Fund submitted for the year 1977 and as regards the submission of applications for grants from the Fund for the year 1978.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 243, 16. 10. 1976, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concluding the Agreement establishing a European laying-up fund for inland waterway vessels, and adopting the provisions for its implementation

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 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 262/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 382/76),

1. Welcomes the laying-up scheme, together with the special laying-up fund, as an effective means of solving the problem of cyclical over-capacity in inland navigation;
2. Points out, however, that for effective control of capacity in inland navigation this laying-up scheme must be supplemented as soon as possible by a consistent set of measures designed to remedy the structural over-capacity in this sector of transport;
3. Requests the Commission to explore the possibilities of exporting surplus barges to the developing countries where their use for trans-shipment and storage would help to alleviate port congestion;
4. Welcomes the fact that the Community has succeeded in reaching an agreement with the Swiss Confederation;
5. Consequently approves the Commission's proposal and the relevant Agreement and Statute establishing a European laying-up fund for inland waterway vessels.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 208, 3. 9. 1976, p. 2.

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 a system of reference tariffs for the carriage of goods by inland waterway between Member States

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 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 472/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 381/76),
1. Notes that a system of reference tariffs, intended solely for guidance, is proposed for the carriage of goods by inland waterway between Member States of the Community;
 2. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 3. Considers it desirable, however, for the Community to be given the possibility of intervening in rate-fixing, should a crisis or a serious imbalance occur on the inland waterway market;
 4. Requests the Commission therefore to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 54, 8. 3. 1976, 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 on the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport

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 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 17/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and to the opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 396/76),
1. Welcomes all further progress on harmonization of the cost factors in the transport sector, on the social position of transport workers and on road safety;
 2. Calls on the Commission and the Council, in view of the growing number of road accidents, to give priority in their Decisions to road safety aspects;
 3. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 4. Nevertheless requests the Commission to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
 5. Also requests the Commission to amend the final provisions so that Ireland and the United Kingdom need only apply the Regulation in their national traffic after a further transitional period of one to three years;
 6. Refers to its resolution of 17 April 1972 ⁽²⁾, and calls on the Council to lay down the minimum training requirement for drivers without delay.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 103, 6. 5. 1976, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 46, 9. 5. 1972, 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 on the total or partial suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural products originating in Turkey (1977)

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. 365/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 448/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 257, 30. 10. 1976, p. 3.

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 period of validity of Regulations (EEC) No 1509/76 and (EEC) No 1522/76 on imports into the Community of prepared and preserved sardines originating in Tunisia and Morocco respectively

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. 402/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 442/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(1) OJ No C 273, 18. 11. 1976, 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 Regulation amending the list of the countries and territories in Regulation (EEC) No 706/76 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 541 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 437/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 447/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal,
2. Welcomes the Republic of Surinam, the Republic of Seychelles and the Comoro State as new members of the Lomé Convention and hopes that transition arrangements will proceed smoothly in order to enable them to benefit fully from the provisions of the Convention.

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, Euratom, ECSC) No 2/71 implementing the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from Member States by the Communities' own resources

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 (Doc. 184/76),
 - having regard to the concurrent proposal from the Commission amending the Financial Regulation of 1 May 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (Doc. 166/75),
 - having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 470/76),
1. Stresses that the introduction of an effective system of financial autonomy based on genuine own resources, particularly Community VAT, is of prime importance for the Community;
 2. Notes that the proposed amendment of Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2/71 is mainly concerned with modifying the application of the transitional system of financial contributions from Member States;
 3. Considers that detailed rules for the application of the system of financial autonomy cannot be laid down before the own resources accruing from VAT, on which the system is based, have been approved by the Council;
 4. Therefore decides not to deliver its opinion on the amendment of Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2/71 until the adoption by the Council of the sixth Directive on VAT.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 164, 17. 7. 1976, p. 4.

RESOLUTION

on the Commission's draft modifications to Decision 73/287/ECSC concerning coal and coke for the iron and steel industry in the Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft of the Commission of the European Communities (COM(76) 582 fin.),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy and Research (Doc. 467/76),
 - recalling explicitly its previous resolutions concerning coal policy, in particular those:
 - on the new Community aid system for coal and coke for the iron and steel industry in the Community ⁽¹⁾,
 - on the medium-term guidelines for coal 1975 to 1985 ⁽²⁾,
 - on future guidelines for the Community's coal policy in the framework of the overall concept of a Community energy policy ⁽³⁾,
1. Recalls that in the past it fully supported the new Community aid system for coal and coke;
 2. Agrees with the Commission that in view of current market conditions, this system should be prolonged until 1985;
 3. Considers that the proposed changes constitute an improvement in the application of the Community aid system;
 4. Considers that the Commission should report not only to the Council but also to the European Parliament on the application of the Decision;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 138, 31. 12. 1972.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 179, 6. 8. 1975.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 159, 12. 7. 1976.

5. Requests the Commission to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;

6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission.

RESOLUTION

on results of the meeting of the Council of Research Ministers of 18 November 1976

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the discussions at the meeting of the Council of Research Ministers of 18 November 1976 ⁽¹⁾,
— having regard to its resolution of 16 November 1976 on the results achieved by the meeting of the Council of Research Ministers of 21 October 1976 ⁽²⁾, and in particular to point 4 of that resolution,

1. Notes with regret that only tentative results were achieved at the meeting of the Council;
2. Further regrets that the criteria in the European Parliament's resolution of 16 November 1976 have not been correctly interpreted;
3. Expects the Council, nevertheless, now actually to abide by its Decisions of 18 November 1976 and to observe the deadline for a Decision that it itself has set, namely to take a final and positive Decision before the end of 1976 on the siting of the JET project and the final adoption of the Joint Research Centre's multiannual research programme for 1977 to 1980;
4. Would condemn any postponement of the Decisions beyond that date;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ Press release 1293/76 (Press 142).

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 293, 13. 12. 1976, p. 14.

RESOLUTION

on the present state of economic and commercial relations between the Community and the United States of America

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the political, economic, historical and cultural ties between the United States of America and the Member States of the Community,
 - recognizing that the United States and the Community as such or its Member States have contacts on practically all areas of international policy,
 - whereas their interests and points of view on international questions are broadly parallel and whereas they are closely dependent on one another in the political and economic areas,
 - whereas the United States and the Community are the largest trading units in the world and are each other's most important trading partners,
 - whereas both the United States and the Community are in favour of the expansion and liberalization of world trade,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 468/76),
1. Finds that the relations between the United States and the Member States of the Community may in general be described as very good;
 2. Notes that, on specific bilateral trade questions, the Community and the United States sometimes pursue divergent aims;
 3. Regrets in particular that last year a number of initiatives were taken in the United States with the intention of restricting imports of certain products from the Community, thus causing serious disquiet here;
 4. Points out that these initiatives based on the various provisions of the new 1974 Trade Act involve Community exports of substantial value, amounting in 1976 to as much as \$ 4 500 million;
 5. Is glad that the American Administration has in general not yielded to the demands made on this point by certain sectors;
 6. Is of the opinion, however, that the quotas on imports of special steel should be removed at the earliest opportunity;

7. Recalls that bilateral trade between the United States and the nine Member States has increased rapidly since the creation of the EEC in 1958;
8. Points out in this connection that the American balance of trade with the Community has always been in surplus, a surplus which increased markedly in 1974 and 1975;
9. Draws attention to the fact that the increased surplus on the American balance of trade is mainly the result of an imbalance in the agricultural products sector;
10. Notes that in 1975 the value of United States exports of agricultural products to the Community was five times greater than that of imports from the Community and that the Community purchased 35 % of all agricultural products sold on the world market;
11. Concludes therefore that the agricultural policy of the Community is less protectionistic than many consider it to be at first sight;
12. Notes, however, with satisfaction that these inequalities in trade have not had any repercussions on political relations between the United States and the Community;
13. Expects that any future measures affecting foreign investment in the United States will not limit direct investment from the Community;
14. Hopes that this year's multilateral trade negotiations (the Tokyo Round) will take place more smoothly than previous rounds and be concluded, if at all possible, before the end of 1977;
15. Considers that the six-monthly consultations between representatives of the Commission and the United States constitute an appropriate forum for discussing bilateral and multilateral questions in order to achieve a common standpoint;
16. Notes with satisfaction that the six-monthly meetings between the delegations from the American Congress and the European Parliament have created a better understanding of the attitudes prevailing on both sides of the Atlantic and considers it vital for these meetings to be continued in order to improve even further the relationship between the United States and the Community;
17. (a) Hopes that the political links between the United States and the Community as such will be consolidated in the years to come,
 - (b) Expects the new Administration to make every effort to remove existing obstacles to trade, and also to oppose protectionist trends in the interests both of bilateral relations and of the fruitful expansion of world trade,
 - (c) Considers it necessary to work towards a balanced development of trade;
18. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and also to the Administration and Congress of the United States.

RESOLUTION

on the need to establish a site for JET as a prerequisite for effective research measures to secure the Community's energy supplies in the long term

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the results of the meeting of the Council of Research Ministers of 18 November 1976 and the fact that, despite its promise ⁽¹⁾, the Council failed to reach a decision by the end of 1976 on the siting of JET and was not able to adopt the programme,
 - having regard to its resolutions of 16 November and 17 December 1976 on the results of the meetings of the Council of Research Ministers of 21 October and 18 November 1976,
1. Reaffirms its conviction that only immediate implementation of the JET programme, including a decision on its site, can help to secure the Community's long-term energy supplies and so meet an urgent need;
 2. Notes that despite its full recognition of this fact, the Council was still unable to take the required decision;
 3. Urges the Council most strongly at long last to reach a decision on the site and the programme at the Council of Foreign Ministers on 17/18 January 1977 in the light of the available studies and investigations, so that it will be possible not only to dispel the present uncertainties of the scientists needed for this project as to their future but, above all, for the Community to show that it is capable of taking a decision in the general interest even if national egoism suffers in the process;
 4. Would welcome it if, before that meeting, the Council would announce its readiness to enter into discussion with Parliament on this important question and requests that a date be given;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of the European Communities and to the Members of the European Council.

⁽¹⁾ Council Press Release No 1293/76 (Press 142).

RESOLUTION

on the advisability of enlarging the Community's competence in the field of external economic relations

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 380/76),

1. Notes with satisfaction the achievements of the Community in the field of external economic relations, in particular in liberalizing trade, both in its bilateral relations and in multilateral negotiations;
2. Considers that the present powers of the Community are adequate for the implementation of the common commercial policy;
3. Recognizes that the Community's ability to offer trade concessions inevitably confers upon it considerable political influence; welcomes the use which has been made of that influence in certain cases in the past, and believes that the Community should continue to use its influence to support the cause of liberty and democracy;
4. Asks that in negotiating trade agreements, the Community should, in return for trade concessions, seek agreement on the conditions under which guarantees for investments in the countries concerned could be given, and also seek, where appropriate, concessions in the form of guaranteed supplies of raw materials and the lowering of non-tariff barriers;
5. Calls upon the Council and the Commission to increase their efforts on the one hand to harmonize the various export credit terms of the Member States, with a view to achieving fairness between one Member State and another, and on the other hand to seek an international understanding with the other major trading nations on a common discipline in the field of aids to exports, with a view to achieving fair competition between the Community and other nations in trade with third countries;
6. Calls for closer coordination of the Community's industrial, regional, social and external trade policies;
7. Requests the Commission to institute an enquiry into the simplification of all types of formalities (including VAT, documentation and statistics) in the external trade of the Community (and, if necessary, in its internal economic relations, in so far as these have a bearing on external trade) and to seek the help of the appropriate trade organizations in conducting this enquiry;
8. Further requests the Commission to discuss with representatives of the interests concerned ways in which the Community's exporters may be better informed of the opportunities provided by the Community's trade Agreements and how to exploit those opportunities more fully;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission.

RESOLUTION

on unemployment in Europe

The European Parliament,

- draws the attention of the Council and Commission, with grave concern and anxiety, to the following unemployment figures for Member States, obtained from the Community's statistical services: October 1975: 5 071 000 unemployed; October 1976: approximately 5 250 000 unemployed,
- notes therefore with deep regret and disappointment that, contrary to the illusions which had been fostered and the optimistic estimates, however moderate, put forward on several occasions by the Commission, unemployment between the above two points in time, far from falling, actually increased by 3.5 %,
- points further to the alarming dimensions assumed by unemployment among young people (more than 1 500 000 people under 25 in spring 1976) and to an even greater degree by unemployment among women, which increased from 1 950 000 in October 1975 to 2 175 000 in October 1976, its increase of 11.5 % and thus much higher than the overall increase in unemployment,
- draws attention to the fact that unemployment statistics, whether for the Community as a whole or for individual Member States, cannot be treated as fully reliable indicators of the present economic and social crisis until they are compared with the numbers of migrant workers returning to their countries of origin and calls upon the Commission to provide at least figures relating to variations in the number of migrant workers from third countries present in the Community in 1975 and in the current year,
- requests information on what practical measures, if any, have been taken in the economic and social field by Community bodies to implement the basic aims set out in the Joint Declaration of the Tripartite Conference last June, above all the aim of 'reducing unemployment and returning to a situation of full employment by 1980',
- points out that the present economic and social policies of the individual Member States, contrary to the undertakings entered into by government representatives at the above Conference, show no signs of mutual coordination,
- recognizes the vital importance of the fight against inflation but asks that the same attention be given to the equally important objective of achieving full employment,
- demands that the Community institutions take every possible measure at Community level, in particular those measures which have received repeated support from the trade unions and the Economic and Social Committee; an increase in the resources available to the Social Fund and the Regional Fund, coordination of measures implemented under the above funds with action by the European Investment Bank and with the social measures given effect under the Common Agricultural Policy, and concentration and direction of action towards the two most characteristic sectors of the present structural unemployment, namely unemployment among young people and among women,
- finally, if practical and incisive medium- and long-term action is to be taken, believes that the Commission may no longer delay the drafting of an economic policy which, based upon the aims set out in the final communiqué of the Tripartite Conference and with the agreement of both sides of industry, must go beyond mere suggestions and recommendations and become a true action programme, binding upon Member States, at least where investments that create new jobs are concerned,
- instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the recommendation of the Commission concerning the progressive extension of social protection to categories of persons not covered by existing schemes or inadequately protected

The European Parliament,

- having been optionally consulted by the Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 300/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 444/76),
1. Appreciates the Commission's initiative which is a commendable expression of Community solidarity with the most underprivileged groups of the Community;
 2. Regrets that the Commission has merely chosen a non-binding recommendation form for a proposal of the greatest importance to that social group which is the most socially disadvantaged in all countries;
 3. Expresses its disappointment that the Commission, referring to usual practice in the Member States, proposes only a gradual extension of protection, since it is the Commission's responsibility to take the lead;
 4. Supports the principle of an extension to the entire population of that protection which most of its members are already accorded with regard to health care, old age, invalidity and family benefits since the social groups excluded are precisely those who suffer the greatest social disadvantages;
 5. Urges the Commission to recommend to the Member States that this protection should continue to operate also after employment has had to be terminated on legitimate grounds;
 6. Agrees to the extension of social protection to those engaged in unpaid household duties but is perplexed by the Commission's reference to their numerical importance as a reason for this since the decisive factor must be their special need;
 7. Considers it unreasonable that the Commission includes self-employed persons obliged to abandon their occupation for economic reasons in the group of persons completely unable to exercise a gainful activity, since the former ought to be in the same position as the rest of the work force even when they have ceased work;
 8. Supports whole-heartedly the recommendation that implementation of the proposals should imply equality for men and women but wishes to point out that it should be stated in unambiguous terms that the recommendation refers not only to housewives but to all those engaged in unpaid household duties and that the group of self-employed also includes any wife who works in her husband's business;
 9. Invites the Commission to report every two years on the progress made in extending social protection so that Parliament can check the adequacy of the measures taken on behalf of groups not yet protected.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision adopting a technological research programme for the footwear sector

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 235 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 268/76),
 - having regard to the report of its Committee on Energy and Research and the opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 466/76),
1. Notes that the proposal for a Decision follows on from another proposal for a technological research programme in the textile sector, adopted by the Council in 1975, which Parliament approved at the time (see report by Mr Glesener, Doc. 424/74);
 2. Recognizes the importance of improving footwear production technology through a series of measures aimed at encouraging the implementation of certain research projects;
 3. Believes that increasing production efficiency and improving the level of technology through research are vital and represent the only long-term way of protecting the viability of the footwear industry in the Community;
 4. Feels that it is important that small and medium-scale firms should benefit in the same way as larger firms from the results of the Community research programme, wherever they are situated in the Community;
 5. Believes that it is impossible to develop an effective strategy for footwear research at national level and suggests that the research in question be used to set up a Community footwear research institute, while maintaining the present geographical spread of the existing institutes;
 6. Believes that the amount of aid which the Commission plans to spend on these measures is inadequate and considers that the Council and the other institutions should consider a level of appropriations more closely adapted to the needs of this sector;
 7. Reminds the Commission that a research programme alone cannot provide a substitute for a community industrial policy in this sector;
 8. Hopes that, when the projects are completed, the Commission will, on the basis of Article 235 of the EEC Treaty, submit future technological research programmes on the footwear industry to Parliament;
 9. Approves the Commission's proposed Decision subject to the budgetary powers of the European Parliament, and calls for its early adoption by the Council.

(1) OJ No C 209, 4. 9. 1976, p. 5.

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 toxic and dangerous wastes

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 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 260/76),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 446/76),
1. Emphasizes the need, in accordance with the European Communities' Programme of Action on the Environment of 22 November 1973 ⁽²⁾, to implement a Community system of control over the disposal of toxic and dangerous wastes;
 2. Calls on the Commission to make regular use in future of the opportunities offered by the Agreement on information to prevent divergencies in the development of national legislation in the field of environmental protection;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 194, 19. 8. 1976, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 112, 20. 12. 1973, p. 28.

3. Approves the Directive's aim of establishing, in accordance with specific principles and procedures, a system of controls and safeguard measures, which are meant to ensure that toxic and dangerous wastes are disposed of without endangering people or animals and without harming the environment;
4. Insists that in the near future the Commission should also submit proposals for Directives on those wastes which are excluded from the scope of the present Directive (e.g. hospital waste, explosive substances, animal and agricultural waste), thus closing a gap in Community legislation;
5. Calls on the Commission to submit as soon as possible a supplementary proposal specifying in a uniform manner the levels of concentration of toxic and dangerous substances above which wastes fall within the field of application of the Directive;
6. Calls on the Commission to provide Community funds to promote research in certain major sectors for the purpose of developing new methods of transforming waste into raw materials or energy;
7. Requests the Commission to establish uniform methods of labelling toxic and dangerous wastes to ensure that they can be identified even after lengthy storage;
8. Considers it essential that the authorized disposal undertakings should be required to collect the toxic and dangerous wastes from the holders in order to avoid transport by inexperienced persons, as this could pose a serious threat to transport users and the environment;
9. Requests the Commission to include in its proposal for a Directive provisions requiring the Member States to specify the locations in which toxic and dangerous wastes may be stored;
10. Considers it imperative for the Commission to include in its proposal for a Directive the principle of the unconditional liability of producers of toxic and dangerous wastes;
11. Insists that in case of emergency or grave danger the competent authorities must order that the dangerous waste be transferred to and, if need be, treated at a stipulated site;
12. Calls on the Commission to include the highly dangerous substance asbestos among the toxic and dangerous substances listed in Annex IA, since scientific research has shown that asbestos is highly carcinogenic;
13. Emphasizes the need for strict compliance with the period of 18 months allowed for the implementation of the measures provided for in the Directive in order to avoid further delays in the practical application of harmonization provisions in this important field;
14. Requests the Commission to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149, of the EEC Treaty.

RESOLUTION

on the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism

The European Parliament,

1. Calls upon the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States of the European Community to ratify immediately the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism established within the framework of the Council of Europe and to be signed on 24 January 1977 by the Committee of Ministers;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States of the Community.

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 ranges of nominal quantities permitted for certain pre-packaged products

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 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 255/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 462/76),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 193, 18. 8. 1976, p. 3.

2. Considers, however, that total harmonization in this area would offer greater protection for the consumer and requests the Commission to reconsider its choice of the optional harmonization system;
3. Accepts the inclusion of provisions relating to aerosol containers in this Directive, but calls on the Commission to re-examine the question of the continued use of such containers given that new information has recently come to light;
4. Notes that a draft proposal on unit pricing for food products is being prepared by the Commission and hopes that this proposal will soon be presented to the European Parliament for its opinion.

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 sixth modification of the Council Directive of 27 June 1967 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the classification, packing and labelling of dangerous substances

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 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 339/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 463/76),
1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal which aims at reinforcing the controls provided for in the original Directive of 27 June 1967;
 2. Agrees that the introduction of the notification procedure for new substances is necessary in order to control the effects on man and the environment;
 3. Notes with satisfaction that in its proposal, the Commission has taken into account the view expressed by the European Parliament ⁽²⁾ that the use of safety advice should be made obligatory;
 4. Regrets that the Commission has not seen fit to accept the modification already proposed by the European Parliament ⁽²⁾ on the use of national language(s) for labelling;
 5. Requests the Commission to adopt the following amendments, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 260, 5. 11. 1976, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 60.

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 quality requirements for waters capable of supporting freshwater fish

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 Articles 100 and 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 265/76),
 - having regard to the proposal concerning the continuation and implementation of a European Community policy and action programme on the environment ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Communication of the Commission concerning a Research and Development Programme of the European Economic Community in the field of Environmental Protection (1976 to 1980) ⁽³⁾;
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 465/76),
1. Affirms the necessity of protecting Member States' freshwater areas against damage to their ecosystems;
 2. Affirms the need for plans to be drawn up in each individual country setting out the objectives to be met for the various freshwater areas;
 3. Considers it necessary not only to maintain fish stocks where such still exist, but also to restore the conditions necessary for them where they no longer exist on account of pollution or other influences;
 4. Considers that freshwater areas which are to be protected in this way or whose quality is to be restored or newly established in accordance with the objectives, should include:
running or standing fresh water which supports or is capable of supporting fish belonging to indigenous species presenting a natural diversity or species whose presence is judged desirable for water managing purposes;
 5. Emphasizes the need for limit values laid down for the various freshwater qualities to be based on high-quality scientific data;
 6. Desires to draw especially to the attention of the Member States the need for each country to take freshwater areas into consideration in its physical planning;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 202, 28. 8. 1976, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 115, 24. 5. 1976, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 78, 3. 4. 1976, p. 2.

7. Calls on Member States to give far more consideration than hitherto in their planning to all economic circumstances;

8. Urges Member States to use common reference data and analytical methods, here as in other areas under the programme of action on the environment; furthermore, calls attention to the 1976 to 1978 Research Programme on reference materials and methods and urges the Commission to introduce any improved reference and measurement methods that may be suggested by the latest research results;

9. Considers that cooperation with third countries in combating pollution is an obvious necessity and, in the matter of freshwater areas, it will have to be possible to draw up conventions on the lines of those which have been entered into in recent years, for instance on the protection of the Mediterranean, the Baltic, the Rhine, etc.

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 concerning the placing of EEC-accepted plant protection products on the market
- II. a Directive prohibiting the placing on the market and the use of plant protection products containing certain active substances

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 pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 269/76) and Doc. 270/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 455/76),

1. Welcomes this initiative by the Commission to bring about further harmonization of legislation relating to the use of plant protection products;
2. Feels that to ensure better protection of the environment, some flexibility is required in harmonizing national provisions relating to the placing on the market of a wide range of plant protection products;
3. Feels, however, that as consumer safety and protection should be uniformly guaranteed throughout the Community, it can only accept the proposed 'optional' solution as a transitional measure;
4. Hopes that the Commission will encourage scientific research so that the highly dangerous plant protection products which have not yet been prohibited will be withdrawn from the market and replaced by equivalent, but less toxic products;
5. Considers that the Commission should introduce, as a matter of urgency, more far-reaching proposals designed to bring about total harmonization of legal and administrative provisions in the field of plant health in accordance with the objectives laid down in the Programme of Action of the European Communities of the Environment and in the Resolution of the Council of 22 July 1974 ⁽²⁾;
6. Approves, with this reservation, the Commission's proposals.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 212, 9. 9. 1976, p. 3, and OJ No C 200, 26. 8. 1976, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 92, 6. 8. 1974, p. 2.

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 harmonization of certain social provisions relating to goods transport by inland waterway

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 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 281/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 484/76),
 - welcoming the Commission's proposal as a step towards the implementation of the Council Decision of 13 May 1965 on the harmonization of certain provisions affecting transport by rail, road and inland waterway ⁽²⁾,
 - recalling however the difficulties which have been encountered in enacting or implementing comparable social provisions in road transport,
 - wishing to ensure that similar difficulties do not arise in the implementation of harmonized social provisions in goods transport by inland waterway,
1. Stresses that the final definition of the crew composition provisions of the proposed Regulation should only be proposed by the Commission on the basis of consultation with all interested parties and should be based on the physical characteristics of different types of waterways rather than being, as at present proposed, national derogations;
 2. Emphasizes the need to ensure that fair competition and parity of social conditions be maintained not only within the Community but also with third countries operating within the Community;
 3. Stresses the need to eliminate any discrimination against the employment of women in goods transport by inland waterway;
 4. Considers that representatives of both sides of the industry should be included in the composition of the authorities to be responsible for implementing the provisions of the proposal concerning crew composition and that common penalties should be adopted for contraventions of the proposed Regulation;
 5. Is of the opinion that, within a reasonable period, a comparable regulation should be introduced covering the crew of passenger craft;
 6. Requests the Commission to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 259, 12. 11. 1975, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No 88, 24. 5. 1965, p. 1500/65.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision amending the Decision on the harmonization of certain provisions affecting competition in transport by rail, road and inland waterway

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 Articles 75 and 99 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 491/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 537/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 14, 19. 1. 1977, p. 5.

RESOLUTION

on the adoption of and prospects for a system of basic prices for imported primary energy sources within the framework of a Community energy policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council on the main foci of a policy for the development of energy resources in the Community and within the larger framework of international cooperation (COM(75) 310),
- having regard to the report of the Commission on the achievement of the Community energy policy objectives for 1985 (COM(76) 9),
- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council on the implementation of the energy policy guidelines drawn up by the European Council at its meeting in Rome on 1 and 2 December 1975 (COM(76) 20),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy and Research and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 530/76),
- having regard to its previous resolutions concerning energy policy, and in particular:
 - its resolution of 14 March 1974 on appropriate medium- and long-term measures for the further alleviation of the energy supply crisis in the European Community ⁽¹⁾,
 - its resolution on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning a new energy policy strategy for the European Community ⁽²⁾,
 - its resolution on the objectives of a common energy policy ⁽³⁾,

1. Deeply regrets that no concrete legislative measures have yet been taken to protect the development of alternative energy sources;

2. Emphasizes again that Community energy supplies should not be sought exclusively from the cheapest sources currently available, but that the over-riding consideration must be long-term security of supply;

3. Feels, therefore, that comparisons of prices of competitive or alternative forms of energy should be based not on the present situation but on future prospects, allowing for the security factor;

4. Considers it essential to give concrete form at the earliest opportunity to the energy policy guidelines drawn up by the European Council in Rome, by expediting Community action through the formulation of a Community energy policy entailing increased solidarity between Member States with a view to facilitating and protecting Community energy production;

5. Points out that the minimum protection price for imported crude oil must protect alternative forms of energy for 20 to 30 years, since Community policy must give preference to security of energy supply, even at somewhat higher prices, rather than accept the risks inherent in dependence on imports;

6. Hopes that the proposals designed to:

- protect and encourage the development of Community energy resources,
- encourage energy saving,
- ensure internal solidarity in a crisis,

will form the cornerstone of Community action undertaken to achieve the objectives for 1985;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 55.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974, p. 79.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 76, 7. 4. 1975, p. 30.

7. Wishes to stress:

- the intensification of efforts to develop and protect energy sources available in the Community,
- the urgent need to intensify research and development to ensure in due course contributions from new and alternative energy sources;

8. Welcomes, in the light of this, the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council proposing a minimum protection price for crude oil imported from third countries as an encouragement and protection mechanism;

9. Points out that the solidarity necessary within the Community may be achieved by fixing a minimum price for oil, and by mechanisms to make possible a spreading of the costs incurred in the joint effort, so as to guarantee the profitability of investments needed to achieve the objectives of security and independence;

10. Considers the principle of mutual aid absolutely essential for the resources allocation mechanism during a crisis; it should also be one of the bases of protective mechanisms for alternative forms of energy;

11. Is of the opinion that the principle of a minimum, possibly adjustable, protection price should be one of the instruments of an incentive mechanism for the implementation of any true Community energy policy, and requests that the mechanism for applying this principle be the same throughout the Community;

12. Recognizes that the adoption by the Council of a Directive on a Community information and consultation procedure covering the price of crude oil and petroleum products in the Community constitutes a first step in the policy to achieve price transparency;

13. Is of the opinion that the implementation of a minimum protection price for imported oil would stress the Community nature of the measure, while entailing a minimum of amendments to Community Regulations on imports of crude oil and on products refined in the Community;

14. Considers that the Community's stance on the minimum protection price problem is an acid test of the Council's political will to think and act in concert on vital questions such as energy supply;

15. Proposes talks with the oil-exporting countries on the creation of a minimum basic price and hopes that these countries will contribute to this end and help finance investment in the development of alternative energy sources ⁽¹⁾;

16. Trusts that, in discussions of all these problems connected with the minimum protection price, account will be taken of likely trends in the cost of all the current and pending projects to increase utilization of Community energy sources; it must also be established which Community energy sources would become unviable, given a low minimum protection price;

17. Emphasizes that it is in the Community's interest to speak with one voice at international level;

18. Finds it unacceptable that the Council of Energy Ministers was unable to reach agreement at its meetings of 25 March, 19 October and 21 December 1976, and hopes that a forthcoming Council may debate and approve as soon as possible all the proposals submitted to it and which should make it possible to give the Community energy policy a genuine 'new impulse';

(1) See opinion of Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, paragraph 28 (alternative 5) — (PE 44.311/fin.).

RESOLUTION

on the effect of increased energy prices on Member States' productivity and competitiveness

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the (until recently) increasingly unequal distribution of wealth between the different parts of the world,
- having regard to the steep increase in crude oil prices during the past two years,
- having regard to the most serious recession the industrial countries have experienced since the war,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 431/75),

1. Points out that a need grew up in the fifties and sixties for a shift in price relationships between energy and a number of other raw materials on the one hand and goods and services produced in the industrial countries on the other;
2. Stresses that price changes not only shift the distribution of income between developing and industrialized countries but also within these two groups of countries;
3. Consequently notes that an increase in the price of energy and other raw materials will not in itself solve the economic problems of the developing countries;
4. Points out that other factors (such as inflation and fluctuating foreign exchange conditions) have affected the industrialized countries' productivity and competitiveness ever more than the increase in crude oil prices;
5. Stresses that the following factors will ultimately determine the competitive position and economic prospects of individual countries and of groups of countries:
 - the contents of the forthcoming international agreements,
 - the rate of technological changes,
 - each country's ability and capacity to adjust to the new economic conditions;
6. Maintains that the way to a continued world-wide increase in standards of living is via extension of the international division of labour;
7. Notes that this requires structural adjustments within the individual industrialized countries, in the industrialized countries as a group, and between the industrialized and developing countries;
8. Notes, however, that there are very tight limits on the rate at which the process of adaptation can be implemented in the industrialized countries in conjunction with the development of the developing countries;

9. Points out that the Community must take measures based on short-term, medium-term and long-term economic growth; this is the only solution to the present problems of employment, structural reform, environmental protection and continued social harmonization (both within the Community's own frontiers and *vis-à-vis* the developing countries);
10. Considers, on the other hand, that the energy crisis will considerably affect the structure of the national economies and that this heightens the need to set priorities for the utilization of growth at Community level as elsewhere;
11. Desires a medium-term economic policy for the Community and notes that it is necessary for the Community to be able to ensure that the Member States do not jeopardize the attainment of medium- and long-term objectives by their own short-term economic policies;
12. Emphasizes that economic recovery is a prerequisite if restructuring is to proceed without excessive difficulties in the industrialized countries, but that it will not solve all the problems;
13. Emphasizes that there is no guarantee that structural adjustments will follow more or less automatically if an economic upswing is successfully started;
14. Points out that a particularly consistent and purposeful effort will be required on the part of the political authorities and both sides of industry — together with close cooperation between these parties — to ensure that an economic upswing is started and later maintained;
15. Points out in this connection the particular need to check the steep rise in costs;
16. Emphasizes that in this situation the Member States will be able to achieve harmonious development only if structural policies and conjunctural policies are coordinated at Community level;

Ensuring energy supplies

17. Notes that the relatively low price of oil has been a considerable factor in the high standard of living of the industrialized countries;
18. Believes, however, that the Community's great dependence on oil imports represents a threat to its economic and political independence;
19. Therefore believes it necessary that the Community should develop the use of other forms of energy by way of a common energy policy;
20. Notes that the investments required for the development of alternative forms of energy are so great that no private investor will be willing to tackle the problems without some form of guaranteed return: the Community must therefore protect the development of alternative sources of energy;
21. Calls for such guarantee arrangements to be based on the following principles:
 - energy prices should be determined on a long-term basis,
 - it should be possible to have advance warning of the Community expenditure which may be incurred;
22. Finds that the possibility of agreement on a common energy and energy prices policy depends on general acceptance by Member States of the need for solidarity and on their accepting the necessary political consequences;
23. 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 European Community's information policy with regard to preparations for the first direct elections to the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to amendment No 4 (Doc. 457/4) to the 1977 draft budget to the effect that a total amount of one million units of account should be entered in the budget and frozen until the Commission has submitted to the European Parliament for its approval a detailed programme of the information projects it intends to carry out in connection with direct elections,
 - having regard to the interim report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 526/76),
1. Requests the Commission to submit its information programme in preparation for direct elections to the European Parliament before 30 March 1977;
 2. Points out that this programme cannot be considered in isolation from the Commission's normal information activities in which direct elections are regarded as the main priority;
 3. Requests the Political Affairs Committee to draw up a report on this subject as soon as possible, and at the latest by the May 1977 part session, dealing in particular with:
 - the place occupied by the Commission's intensified information programme in relation to its 1977 information programme as a whole,
 - what measures are being taken to ensure coordination of the information programmes of the Commission and the European Parliament in respect of direct elections;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive coordinating the laws, regulations and administrative provisions regarding collective investment undertakings for transferable securities

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 54 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 114/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 532/76),
1. Welcomes the proposed Directive as a necessary preliminary to the establishment of the free movement of units of CIUTS within the Community;
 2. Looks forward to being consulted upon the proposal on which the Commission is currently working for a Directive specifically providing for increased freedom of movement of such units;
 3. Notes, however, that the coordination measures contained in the proposed Directive are incomplete, as each Member State will continue to apply its own marketing Regulations to units of CIUTS marketed on its territory;
 4. Notes that no provision has been made for the harmonization of administrative procedures;
 5. Asks the Commission to take steps to study the practices adopted in regard to fees and charges, which are not generally dealt with in the proposal;
 6. Asks the Commission to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 171, 26. 7. 1976, p. 1.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation establishing a Community system for the conservation and management of fishery resources

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. 373/76),
 - having regard to the motion for a resolution on the extension of the fishing zones of Community Member States and preservation of fish stocks within the Community's proposed 200-mile exclusive economic zone (Doc. 425/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 474/76),
 - having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 500 fin.),
 - having regard to Regulation (EEC) No 101/76 laying down a common structural policy for the fishing industry,
 - having regard to Articles 100 to 103 of the Treaty of Accession,
 - having regard to the fact that Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 101/76 concerning a common structural policy for the fishing industry lays down that common rules should be established for the promotion of the harmonious and balanced development of the fishing industry within the general economy and to encourage the rational use of the biological resources of the sea,
 - having regard to the fact that Article 102 of the Treaty of Accession lays down that from the sixth year after accession, at the latest, the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, shall determine conditions for fishing with a view to ensuring protection of the fishing grounds and conservation of the biological resources of the sea,
 - having regard to the third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,
1. Emphasizes the importance of the fishing industry to the economies of certain regions of the Community, and the very serious problems created by the depletion of fish stocks;
 2. Notes that the extension of fishing zones to 200 miles by a number of third countries has created a situation urgently requiring a Community external fisheries policy and an internal fisheries system;
 3. Recalls the European Parliament's support for measures to provide for a coherent fish conservation policy, including negotiations with third countries;

External fisheries policy

4. Urges that negotiations be concluded without delay with a view to phasing out fishing by third countries in Community waters; that access for third countries be strictly controlled by licences, within the Community 200-mile zone, and negotiated only in return for access by Community fishermen to their fish stocks; and that commercial relations with third countries be used in negotiating access for Community fishermen to their waters;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 255, 28. 10. 1976, p. 3.

5. Regrets that insufficient attention has been paid to the problems facing Community fishermen in the Baltic and the Mediterranean, and urges the Commission and the Council to ensure that the extension of fishing zones in the Atlantic and the North Sea will not be to the detriment of Community fishermen in the Baltic Sea;
6. Requests the Commission and the Council to give urgent consideration to the problems involved in ensuring that a 200-mile Community fishing zone will be respected by third countries;
7. Insists that the burden of policing the Community fishing zone must fall equitably, and considers that the Community should bear a part of the costs of policing the extended zone;
8. Requests the Council to call an immediate conference of the Member States in order to establish very rapidly an adequate maritime enforcement force;
9. Believes that the Commission should initiate negotiations on international agreements for the conservation of resources, going beyond the limited competences given to existing fisheries commissions;

Internal fisheries policy

10. Urges that the internal fisheries system be based on:
 - (a) fishing quotas for each Member State,
 - (b) limiting of fishing effort by licensing arrangements,
 - (c) reserved fishing zones, and
 - (d) coastal fishing conservation zones policed on behalf of the Commission by the coastal State for the purpose of conservation of Community fish stocks.

This system should give due recognition to the historic fishing rights of Member States, the needs of those peripheral coastal regions which are particularly dependent on fishing and the essential requirement to conserve and increase the Community's fish stocks;

11. Considers that the fishing sector is beset by serious problems of over-capacity, which lead to reduction in income and encourage over-fishing of reserves, and make imperative the rapid implementation of effective structural and fish stock conservation policies controlled by the coastal State;
12. Believes that much greater attention must be paid to the problems of local communities largely dependent on the fishing industry, and considers, furthermore, that since the extension of fishing limits will do little to protect the interests of the small inshore fisherman, solutions must be sought so as to protect such fishermen in their traditional grounds, by the strict control of equipment employed to catch certain species (and in particular sole and plaice) in regionally limited reserved zones of variable extent;
13. Considers that, in view of the need to limit catches of certain fish species for reasons of conservation, the market organization and import regimes for the fisheries sector require strengthening; but, at the same time, calls upon the Commission to examine the possibility that quotas will lead to price increases, and the resulting impact upon incomes in the fishing sector, on the consumer and on consumption patterns;

Structural policy

14. Condemns the Council for failing to adopt the Commission's proposal concerning the conditions for granting national aid under the common structural policy for seafishing, and the proposal on a programme for restructuring the non-industrial inshore fishing industry;

15. Urges the Council to adopt with minimum delay proposals to set up a structural policy for the deep sea fishing sector, since any measures for the conservation of fish stocks will depend on the prior existence of an effective structural policy;

16. Notes that the establishment of sufficiently high national or Community quotas to guarantee effective conservation, will lead to a number of larger fishing vessels becoming uneconomic;

17. Believes that in the development of a structural policy, immediate attention must be paid to:

- the reconversion of deep sea boats and their replacement by multi-purpose middle water boats,
- the adaptation of processing and marketing to under-exploited fish species, such as, for example, blue whiting and horse mackerel;

18. Urges that structural measures be drawn up in conjunction with the Regional and Social Funds to establish alternative employment for those land-based workers dependent on the fishing industry who will be affected by the adjustment to 200-mile fishing zones;

19. Considers that incentives to encourage the early retirement of fishermen or the breaking up of boats should be set at much higher levels than in the past, so as to be effective;

20. Believes that incentives should be established to encourage the reduction of fish meal capacity, except that treating offal, and for the establishment of alternative occupations, but believes, at the same time, that much greater research is needed into the species of fish suitable for industrial fishing and the effects of industrial fishing on the dynamics of fish stocks;

21. Believes that the Commission should pay greater attention to the question of marketing of fresh and chilled fish, in view of the very great discrepancies in prices within the Community, and examine the feasibility of introducing a minimum import price system;

Conservation policy

22. Considers that the basis of an internal fisheries policy must be the establishment of scientifically derived quotas and controlled fishing zones, and that the Community should insure an efficient fisheries inspection system within the fishing zone of the Community based on national inspection systems and carried out on behalf of the Commission; the costs of this inspection should be considered as part of the total cost of the implementation of the common fisheries policy;

23. Believes that, while quotas constitute a very important element in planning conservation policies, equal attention must be paid to the establishment of minimum mesh sizes in certain areas and depths of waters, and to minimum landing sizes for each species and cannot accept any allocation of quotas based exclusively on 'past performance';

24. Recognizes, therefore, that a conservation policy requires an effective monitoring system covering individual boats and landings at each port by species;

25. Considers that the Commission's proposal for the establishment of a permit system is an important step towards an effective conservation policy, and that effective permits and licensing must cover boats, equipment, fishing skippers, and the number of days on which boats may operate, and the species which may be caught, as a basic minimum; but believes that greater information is required on the means by which it is to be implemented, particularly for fishing vessels, whether originating in the Community or third countries, landing at ports

outside the Community or factory ships outside Community waters; and insists, consequently, that agreements concluded with third countries include reciprocal provisions for the supervision of landings;

26. Finds unacceptable the Commission's proposals concerning sanctions to ensure the respect of conservation measures, since no indication is given as to the type of sanctions envisaged or the means by which they are to be implemented;

27. Suggests that in future reviews of quotas, catches allocated to Member States should be based, in part, on the degree to which they respect the conservation measures to be established;

28. Insists that immediate measures be taken to implement the severest restrictions on all fishing for herring within Community waters for as long as is necessary to redevelop stocks;

29. Stresses the importance in an overall fish conservation policy of providing for the upward adjustment of quotas for under-exploited species and a rapid means of downward adjustment of quotas for those species over-exploited;

30. Considers that, in order to develop and implement an effective Community stock preservation policy, Community aid should be granted to fisheries research centres within Member States, and that the Commission should propose measures to coordinate the activities of such centres;

31. Calls upon the Commission to coordinate national research by means of Community studies carried out within the Scientific and Technical Committee for Fisheries;

32. Requests the Commission to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149, of the EEC Treaty.

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 100/76 with regard to arrangements for importing prepared and preserved sardines

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. 259/76),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 529/76),

Accepts the system of minimum prices proposed by the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 200, 26. 8. 1976, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

on the draft joint declaration by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission
on the protection of fundamental human rights

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolutions of 4 April 1973 ⁽¹⁾, 10 July 1975 ⁽²⁾, 15 June 1976 ⁽³⁾ and 12 October 1976 ⁽⁴⁾,
 - wishing to affirm, with the Council and the Commission, the attachment of the Community institutions to human rights and to their protection,
 - emphasizing the prime importance which it attaches to the protection of these rights,
 - pointing out that the idea of a charter of the fundamental rights for Community citizens remains fully valid in the context of the European union, whatever form such union may take,
 - convinced that, in accordance with the traditions of all the Member States, the establishment of such a charter should primarily be the responsibility of the parliamentary representatives of the peoples of the Member States of the European Union,
1. Adopts, for its part, the draft joint declaration annexed to this resolution;
 2. Instructs its President to inform the Council and the Commission of Parliament's approval of this text which, with the agreement of those two institutions, will be duly published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 26, 30. 4. 1973, p. 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 179, 6. 8. 1975, p. 30 (see paragraph 12 of the resolution).

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 159, 12. 7. 1976, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 259, 4. 11. 1976, p. 17.

Draft joint declaration by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSION,

Whereas the Treaties establishing the European Communities are based on the principle of respect for the law;

Whereas, as the Court of Justice has recognized, that law comprises, over and above the rules embodied in the Treaties and secondary Community legislation, the general principles of law and in particular the fundamental rights, principles and rights on which the constitutional law of the Member States is based;

Whereas, in particular, all the Member States are Contracting Parties to the European Convention for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms signed in Rome on 4 November 1950,

HAVE ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

1. The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission stress the prime importance they attach to the protection of fundamental rights, as derived in particular from the constitutions of the Member States and the European Convention on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.
2. In the exercise of their powers and in pursuance of the aims of the European Communities they respect and will continue to respect these rights.

RESOLUTION

on the relationship between Community law and criminal law

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 531/76),

1. Recognizes that a general harmonization of the national criminal law of the Member States of the Community is a complicated and sensitive subject, so that it is unlikely to be achieved in the near future, but stresses that where offences against Community law are concerned, harmonization should be the Community's aim;
2. Emphasizes that Community legislation must, if the Community is to function properly, be respected throughout the Member States and that, to this end, there must be sanctions against those who contravene the provisions of Community law;
3. Notes, however, that the Commission's powers of sanction are not of a nature to provide a complete solution to the problem of Community law enforcement;
4. Urges the Commission to make full use of such powers of sanction as are conferred upon it by the Treaties;
5. Calls upon the Member States, therefore, to cooperate urgently in measures designed to ensure that breaches of Community law are the subject of sanctions under their national legislations particularly to prevent fraud upon Community funds;
6. Notes the difficulties and drawbacks such as those caused by: like cases not treated alike, distortion of competition, disregard of the *ne bis in idem* rule, effects of the principle of territoriality, which nevertheless inevitably result from a system whereby the Community must rely almost entirely on the national legal systems of Member States for the enforcement of Community law;
7. Is pleased to note that the Commission has submitted to the Council draft Protocols, on which Parliament has been consulted, to be added to the relevant Treaties concerning:
 - (a) the criminal liability and protection of Community officials, and
 - (b) common rules for the suppression of infringements by individuals in matters governed by Community legislation;
8. Awaits the report of its Legal Affairs Committee on these draft Protocols;
9. Invites the Commission to study the laws of the Member States on the criminal liability of legal persons, an area in which the differences between Member States cause particular difficulty, as much Community legislation affects such persons rather than natural ones;
10. Invites the Commission to consider the use of Article 100 of the EEC Treaty to harmonize existing provisions of national legislation relating to sanctions for breaches of Community law, and to undertake studies in and consultations with the Member States to assess the practicability of the future use of Article 100;
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 national Parliaments and Ministers of Justice of the Member States.

RESOLUTION

on the Community shipping industry

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution on the Community's shipping policy (Doc. 268/75),
- having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 479/76),

1. Stresses the urgency and importance for the Community to develop an industrial policy embracing the interdependent sectors of shipping, shipbuilding and ship-repairing, including the construction of naval vessels, and commercial trade policy;
2. Calls on the Commission to call, urgently, a conference of all concerned, including representatives from the European Parliament, to discuss the interrelationships and interdependence of these sectors;
3. Emphasizes that, in preparation for this conference, it will be essential to define an industrial policy considering *inter alia* the following:
 - (a) an assessment of the various schemes proposed to solve problems arising from over-capacity in shipbuilding and ship-repairing including the plans to regulate the tanker market,
 - (b) an investigation of the possibility and desirability of exercising 'Community preference' by requiring Community shipowners to purchase a certain proportion of their ships in Community shipyards,
 - (c) a study of the fiscal aspects of the problems faced by shipping and shipbuilding and ship-repairing sectors,
 - (d) the scope for a Community harmonization Regulation dealing with working conditions and, ultimately, wages in Community ships to eliminate the unfair competitive advantage enjoyed by some Member States;
4. Asks the Commission to take the initiative in formulating a Community policy in regard to the problems posed by the UNCTAD Convention on liner conferences;
5. Expects the Commission to pursue discussions with Japan with a view to resolving the Community problems in shipbuilding and assessing the possible consequences for trade relations between Japan and the Community;
6. Calls on the Commission to assess the threat posed to Community ship-owners by the practices of Comecon and other State-trading countries, and to consider the possibility of action in this field by including a Community shipping clause in any trade agreements;
7. Urges the Commission to investigate the problems caused by flags of convenience, including the economic advantages which they confer, which enable ships flying these flags to compete unfairly with EEC-registered ships, the proportion of Community-owned shipping using flags of convenience, and the safety hazards caused by their less strict regulations; to consider the use of port state control to investigate unsafe and inadequate working standards on board such vessels;
8. Requests that within one year the Commission shall report to Parliament on the progress it has made in dealing with these problems and the development of a coherent industrial policy;
9. Regards this only as an interim report and resolves that its committees concerned should take immediate steps to draw up a set of proposals for dealing with problems in this industry;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission and 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 laying down special measures in respect of the Beneventano variety of tobacco

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. 533/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 549/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal, but nevertheless requests it to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
2. Requests the Council to approve the proposed replanting measures as a matter of the greatest urgency since it will otherwise be impossible to put them into effect this year.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 21, 28. 1. 1977, p. 2.

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 entries in the budget of the Communities relating to the financial effect of the different conversion rates applied for measures financed by the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF

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 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 434/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 538/76),

1. Notes that the proposal contains a global method for breaking down the appropriations to be entered in Chapter 79 and will probably have no financial effect;
2. Stresses that the principle of the single entry must be strictly adhered to and can therefore only countenance a non-individualized entry by way of exception;
3. Recommends, however, that, in order to overcome the administrative complications of the paying agencies mentioned in the report, a global method be adopted using weightings which reflect the relative values of the budgetary and green units of account, this measure to be applied retroactively from 1 January 1977.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 284, 1. 12. 1976, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

embodying the interim 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 March 1976 on mutual assistance for the recovery of claims resulting from operations forming part of the system of financing the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, and of agricultural levies and customs duties

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 (Doc. 366/76),
- having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 527/76),

1. Once again stresses the urgent need to establish at Community level a system that will ensure the uniform and equitable application of Community Regulations governing the collection of own resources and the recovery of claims resulting from operations connected with the EAGGF;
2. Considers it essential to draw a distinction between measures designed to ensure the uniform application of Community Regulations and those designed to eliminate discrepancies between national laws;
3. Requests the Commission to submit a proposal for a separate Directive for the recovery of claims relating to value added tax, excise duties and other consumption taxes, since the problems of harmonization differ and it is advisable not to delay the application of the Council Directive of 15 March 1976;
4. Will give a final opinion on the matter in the light of the new proposal for a Directive which it requests the Commission to draw up and submit to it.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 249, 22. 10. 1976, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association adopted in Nice on 28 April 1976 and in Ankara on 9 November 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the recommendations adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association at its XXIst meeting in Nice from 25 to 28 April 1976 (Doc. 101/76 rev.) and at its XXIIInd meeting in Ankara from 6 to 9 November 1976 (Doc. 428/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 548/76),
1. Approves the recommendations adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association;

Political aspects

2. Welcomes, in view of the critical state of relations within the Association, the fact that the EEC-Turkey Association Council finally met on 20 December 1976;
3. Expresses its desire, on the basis of the results achieved at this meeting, for the further development of the Association backed up by the necessary political decisions;
4. Urges once again that the political consultations introduced in connection with the meetings of the Association Council should be further developed, so as to enable Community policy to be brought more into line with that of Turkey at international level;
5. Notes that the negotiations on Cyprus have come to a complete standstill and hopes that the governments concerned will work out the necessary solutions as soon as possible by peaceful means;
6. Welcomes the opening of negotiations and the initial progress made in the discussions between the Turkish and Greek Governments on the delimitation of the Continental Shelf and the reopening of air traffic in the Aegean area, which may be an important contribution to defusing the dangerous tensions that continually occur in this area;

Economic, social and financial aspects

7. Calls for positive and speedy consideration to be given to Turkish requests for flexible Community measures in the industrial sector, but recommends that such measures be subject to an appropriate time limit so that they do not form an obstacle to the implementation of the customs union;
8. Stresses the Community's positive attitude to Turkey's being allowed, in accordance with its own wishes, to conclude preferential agreements with other developing countries without extending or reserving these preferences to the Community, as laid down in the Additional Protocol;
9. Expresses its grave concern at Turkey's trade balance deficit *vis-à-vis* the Community, which in 1975 rose to 1 700 million dollars, and calls for the immediate publication of the report drawn up by the working party of experts as well as the prompt implementation of the remedial measures outlined therein;
10. Is opposed to Turkish agricultural exports being placed at a disadvantage as a result of the form the Community's Mediterranean policy takes, and welcomes in this connection the additional concessions granted by the Community at the last Association Council meeting;

11. Stresses that it is important both to the Turkish economy and to the Association that Turkish workers be allowed to move freely within the Community;
12. Calls for freedom of movement to be implemented gradually in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, but stresses that this must not lead to an uncontrolled mass migration of workers, but must be controlled by a central body on the basis of supply and demand in the employment sector; Turkish workers must be accorded 'second priority' after workers from Community countries, but before workers from other third countries;
13. Stresses that the medium- and long-term Turkish labour market problems will be solved not by freedom of movement, but by the systematic expansion of industry and agriculture and the resulting creation of jobs in Turkey;
14. Expresses its desire for the speedy conclusion of the third EEC-Turkey Financial Protocol and points out that it has not yet been possible to pay out the 47 million units of account provided for in the second Financial Protocol, because two countries have not yet ratified the Supplementary Protocol on which it is based;

Activation of relations within the Association

15. Calls on the Association Council, with a view to the much-needed further development of the Association, to work out practical measures to diversify Turkish agricultural production, to improve marketing techniques and to train managerial staff;
16. Calls on the organs of the Association to work out and put into operation development projects along the lines recommended by the Joint Parliamentary Committee for the economic expansion of the less developed regions of Turkey;
17. Calls for an all-round expansion of economic cooperation between the Community and Turkey, as described in its detailed proposals, so that Turkish industry and agriculture may become more competitive and its trade balance deficit and present imbalances in development may be reduced, thus making it possible to achieve the Association's final objective, namely the accession of Turkey to the European Community as a full member;
18. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the committee's report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, to the Turkish Grand National Assembly, to the Parliaments of the Community's Member States and to 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 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit

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. 438/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 528/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 287, 4. 12. 1976, p. 10.

