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*(Information)***CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AFRICAN,
CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY**

European Centre, Kirchberg – Luxembourg

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY,
27 SEPTEMBER 1978**

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr Philippe YACÉ
*President of the National Assembly
of the Ivory Coast Republic*

Mr Emilio COLOMBO
*President of the
European Parliament*

The constituent sitting was opened at 3.10 p.m.

Opening of the annual session of the Assembly

President Yacé declared the annual session of the Assembly open.

Composition of the Assembly

Pursuant to Rule 1 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, President Yacé informed the Assembly of the composition of the Assembly.

The list of members of the Assembly is attached to the minutes (Annex I).

Election of Bureau

Pursuant to Rule 6 (1) of the Rules of Procedure, the Assembly elected its Bureau, which is composed of the following 12 members:

Presidents:

Mr Colombo and Mr Muna

Vice-Presidents:

Mr Spénale,
Mr Baas,
Lord Reay,
Mr Sandri,
Mr de la Malène,

Mr Sherman
Mr Boolell
Mr Thakalekoala
Mr Wijntuin
Mr Faletau

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr Tandeng MUNA
President

Mr Emilio COLOMBO
President

Order of business

Thursday, 28 September 1978

On a proposal from the Joint Committee, the Assembly adopted the following agenda for that session:

9.30 a.m. and possibly 3.30 p.m.:

That afternoon, 3.30 p.m.:

— formal opening sitting.

- report by Mrs Mathé on the possibilities for closer cooperation with representatives of the economic and social groups in the ACP and EEC countries;
- report by Mr Guillabert on the annual report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and on the present state of the Convention of Lomé with a view to the negotiation of the agreement which might follow it.

4.30 p.m.

- election of members of the Joint Committee,
- statements by Mr Tapa, *President of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers*, Mr von Dohnanyi, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, and Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*.

Friday, 29 September 1978

9.30 a.m.:

- further consideration of the report by Mr Guillabert,
- any other business.

The sitting was suspended at 3.25 p.m. and resumed at 3.40 p.m. as the formal sitting.

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO
President

Mr Tandeng MUNA
President

On behalf of the Assembly President Colombo warmly welcomed all the prominent persons present.

During the formal sitting the following spoke: Mr Colombo, *President of the ACP - EEC Consultative Assembly*, Mr Hamilius, *Minister of Agriculture and Viticulture, Minister of Construction, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade*, on behalf of the Government of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg and Mr Muna, *President of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly*.

The sitting was suspended at 4.20 p.m. and resumed at 4.40 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO
President

Mr Tandeng MUNA
President

Appointment of members of the Joint Committee

On a proposal from the Bureau and pursuant to Article 21 of the Rules of Procedure, the Assembly appointed the members of the Joint Committee.

The list of members is attached to the minutes. (Annex II).

Appointment of chairmen of the Joint Committee

The Assembly appointed Mr Bersani chairman of the Joint Committee.

President Colombo announced that the co-chairman would be appointed later.

Documents received

President Colombo announced that he had received the following documents:

- from the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers, the annual report (1 April 1977 to 28 February 1978) (Doc. ACP/EEC 8/78),
- from Mrs Mathé, the report on the possibilities for closer cooperation with representatives of economic and social groups in the ACP and EEC countries (Doc. ACP/EEC 9/78).

Deadline for tabling amendments

On a proposal from President Colombo, the Assembly decided to set the deadline for tabling amendments to the report by Mr Guillabert at 10 a.m. the following day, 28 September 1978.

Statements by the President of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers, the President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities and the Commission of the European Communities

The following spoke: Mr Tapa, *President of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers*, Mr von Dohnanyi, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, and Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*.

Agenda for next sitting

The next sitting was to be held the following day, Thursday, 28 September 1978 at 9.30 a.m. and possibly 3.30 p.m., with the following agenda:

- report by Mrs Mathé on closer cooperation with the representatives of the economic and social groups,
- report by Mr Guillabert on the annual report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and on the present state of the Convention of Lomé.

The sitting was closed at 5.50 p.m.

H. R. NORD and Oma BETOW
Secretaries-General

Emilio COLOMBO
President

ANNEX I

MEMBERS OF THE ACP-EEC CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY

	— Adams Rudolf	RÉPUBLIQUE DES	
	— van Aerssen Jochen	COMORES	
	— Aigner Heinrich		— Mikidache Abdou Rahim
	— Albers Willem		— Mouslim Ben Moussa
	— Albertini Francesco		
	— Amadei Giuseppe	RÉPUBLIQUE	
	— Andersen Erik	POPULAIRE	
	— Baas Jan	DU CONGO	
BAHAMAS	—		—
	—		— Corrie John
BARBADOS	—	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	
	—		— Yacé Philippe
			— Ebagnitchie Edouard
			— Covelli Alfredo
			— Croze Pierre Gustave
			— Cunningham George
RÉPUBLIQUE POPULAIRE			— Damseaux André
DU BÉNIN	— Gbaguidi Douwa David		— Dankert Pieter
	—		— Delmotte Fernand-L.
			— Deschamps Pierre
			— Dewulf Maurice
	— Bersani Giovanni		
	— Bordu Gérard	DJIBOUTI	
BOTSWANA			— Kamil Hassan
	— Mathé E. B.		— Mohammed
	— Dube Alfred		— Bouraleh Ibrahim
	— Brégégère Marcel		— Dondelinger Willy
	— Broeksz Jan B.		— Dunwoody Gwyneth
	— Brosnan Sean		— Ellis Robert Thomas
BURUNDI			
	— Ntungumburanye Jérôme	ETHIOPIA	
	— Buyoya Geraz		— Wollie Chekol
			—
CABO VERDE			— Faure Maurice
	— da Fonseca Luis de		— Feit René Francis
	Mattos Monteiro		— Fellermaier Ludwig
	—		
		FIJI	
RÉPUBLIQUE UNIE			— Nandan Satya
DU CAMEROUN	— Muna S. Tandeng		—
	— Ekwabi Ewane Jean		
			— Fioret Mario
	— Çaro Jean-Marie		— Lady Fisher of Rednal
	— Cassanmagnago Cerretti		— Flämig Gerhard
	Maria Luisa		— Flesch Colette
	— Lord Castle		— Forni Raymond
			— Fuchs Karl
			— de Gaay Fortman
EMPIRE CENTRAFRICAÏN			— Wilhelm F.
	— Kombat-Naguemon	GABON	
	Nestor		— Nkoghe Mve Moïse
	— N'Gripou Jean-Pierre		— Sambhat Albert Martin
	— Cifarelli Michele		— Galluzzi Carlo Alberto
	— Colombo Emilio		

GAMBIA	— Sabally S. — Monday H. R. — Geurtsen Aart	REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA	— Sherman Charles — Bright A. Robert — Ligios Giosuè — Lücker Hans-August — Luster Rudolf — McDonald Charles B.
GHANA	— Bentsi Enchill — Mrs El Banor Kwist — Glinne Ernest	RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE DE MADAGASCAR	— Maurice Jean Jacques — Manandaza Fidele
GRENADA	— Knight D. — Phillips R. K.	MALAWI	— Mizere Nelson Thompson — — de la Malène Christian
GUINÉE ECUATORIAL	— —	MALI	— Traore Mamadou — Deme Moustapha — Martinelli Mario
GUINÉE-BISSAU	— Oliveira Sanca Luis —	ÎLE MAURICE	— Boolell Satcam — Bhayat Kader
GUINÉE	— Top Sekou —	RÉPUBLIQUE ISLAMIQUE DE MAURITANIE	— Ould Abdallah Ahmedou — Fall Babaha — Meintz Carlo — Mont Claude — Müller Hans-Werner — Lord Murray of Gravesend — Nielsen Brøndlund
REPUBLIC OF GUYANA	— Insanally Samuel Rudolph — Abrams Donald Arthur — Hamilton William Winter — Hansen Frankie Leopold	NIGER	— Messan Lambert — Cisse Mahamadou Aldiouma
HAUTE-VOLTA	— Ouedraogo Gérard Kango — Tapsoba Casimir — Herbert Michael — Hoffmann Hans-Joachim — Holst Erik Carl — Howell Ralph F. — Inchauspé Michel — Iotti Leonilde — Jakobsen Erhard	NIGERIA	— Alhaji Aminu Saleh — Afolabi Peter Ayodele — Noè Luigi — Nolan Thomas — Normanton Tom — Notenboom Harry — Nyborg Kai — Osborn John Holbrook
JAMAICA	— Rainford Donald B. — — Johnston Russell — Jung Kurt — Kaspereit Gabriel — Kavanagh Liam — Kellett-Bowman Mary Elaine	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	— — — Patijn Schelto — Petersen Gert Verner — Pianta Georges — Pisani Edgard — Pisoni Ferruccio — Prescott John Leslie — Pucci Ernesto — Lord Reay — Rivierez Hector Joseph
KENYA	— Kiprono Arap Koino Moses — Mulwa Kasanga — Klepsch Egon Alfred — Lagorce Pierre		
LESOTHO	— Thakalekoala — Masithela — Lezzi Pietro		

RWANDA	— Nduhungirehe Jean-Chrysostome — Hatungimana Callixte — Lord St Oswald — Sandri Renato — Santer Jacques	REPUBLIEK SURINAME	— Wijntuin E. L. A. — Nootmeer R. B. R.
SAO TOME E PRINCIPE	— — — Schmidt Manfred — Schreiber Heinz — Schwörer Hermann — Seefeld Horst — Shaw Michael Norman	SWAZILAND	— Nhlabatsi — Pato
SENEGAL	— Guillabert André — Fall Moustapha	TANZANIA	— Wamunza A. — Mwandambi C. A.
REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES	— Adam Ralph L.	TCHAD	— Laotegguelnodji Koumtog — Ilamoko
SIERRA LEONE	— Kanu S. H.	TOGO	— Dagadou Kodjovi Vinyo
SOLOMON ISLANDS	— — excusé	TONGA	— Faletau Inoke F.
REPUBBLICA DEMOCRATICA SOMALA	— Giama Mohamed Omar — Ismail Abdullahi Sheikh — Soury André — Spénale Georges — Spicer James W. — Spinelli Altiero — Squarcialupi Vera	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	— Lewis James O'Neil — St John Maurice
SUDAN	— Elsayed Nasreldin — Fadlalla Abdelrahim Eltag	UGANDA	— Kihuguru George B. — Adriko E. T. S. — Vandewiele Marcel Albert — Vanvelthoven Louis P. J. — Vergeer Willem J. — Vernaschi Vincenzo — Vitale Giuseppe — Walz Hanna — Wawrzik Kurt
		WESTERN SAMOA	— — excusé — Würtz Peter — Zagari Mario
		ZAÏRE	— Bo-Boliko Lokonga — Monse Mihomo — Ramazani Mwene Malungu
		ZAMBIA	— Lubamba L. — Kibolya T.

ANNEX II

MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

CHAIRMEN

Ouedraogo Gérard Kango (Haute-Volta) Bersani

MEMBERS

Gbaguidi Douwa D.	(Bahamas)	Aigner
Mathé E. B.	(Barbados)	Amadei
Ntungumburanye J.	(Bénin)	Andersen
	(Botswana)	Baas
	(Burundi)	
	(Cabo Verde)	Bordu
Ekwabi Ewane Jean	(Cameroun)	Broeksz
Kombot-Naguemon Nestor	(Centrafrique)	Caro
Mikidache Abdou Rahim	(Comores)	Cassanmagnago Cerretti
	(Congo)	Castle
Ebagnitchie Edouard	(Côte d'Ivoire)	Croze
Kamil Hassan Mohammed	(Djibouti)	Cunningham
Wollie Chekol	(Ethiopia)	Dankert
Nandan Satya	(Fiji)	Delmotte
Sambhat Albert Martin	(Gabon)	Deschamps
Sabally S.	(Gambia)	Dewulf
Bentsi Enchill	(Ghana)	Dondelinger
	(Grenada)	Dunwoody
	(Guinée Ecuatorial)	Faure
Oliveira Sanca Luis	(Guinée-Bissau)	Feit
Top Sekou	(Guinée)	Fellermaier
	(Guyana)	Fioret
	(Haute-Volta)	Fisher of Rednal
Rainford Donald B.	(Jamaica)	Flämig
Mulwa Kasanga	(Kenya)	Flesch
Masithela	(Lesotho)	Glinne
Sherman Charles	(Liberia)	Howell
Maurice Jean Jacques	(Madagascar)	Iotti
Mizere Nelson Thompson	(Malawi)	Jakobsen
Traore Mamadou	(Mali)	Jung
Boolell Satcam	(Île Maurice)	Kaspereit
	(Mauritanie)	Lagorce
Cisse Mahamadou A.	(Niger)	Lezzi
Alhaji Aminu Saleh	(Nigeria)	Lücker
	(Papua New Guinea)	de la Malène
Nduhungirehe J. C.	(Rwanda)	Martinelli
	(Sao Tome e Principe)	Meintz
Guillabert André	(Sénégal)	Nolan
Adam Ralph L.	(Seychelles)	Nyborg
Kanu S. H.	(Sierra Leone)	Osborn
(Excusé)	(Solomon Islands)	Petersen
Giam Mohamed Omar	(Somalia)	Reay
Elsayed Nasreldin	(Sudan)	St Oswald
Wijntuin E. L. A.	(Suriname)	Sandri
Nhlabatsi	(Swaziland)	Santer
	(Tanzania)	Schwörer
Ilamoko	(Tchad)	Seefeld
Dagadou Kodjovi Vinyo	(Togo)	Spénale
Faletau Inoke F.	(Tonga)	Vergeer
Lewis James O'Neil	(Trinidad & Tobago)	Vernaschi
Kihuguru George B.	(Uganda)	Vitale
(Excusé)	(Western Samoa)	Walz
Ramazani Mwene Malungu	(Zaire)	Wawrzik
Lubamba L.	(Zambia)	Würtz

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY,
28 SEPTEMBER 1978

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Emilio COLOMBO

President

The sitting was opened at 9.35 a.m.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received from Mr Guillabert the report on the annual report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers (Doc. ACP-EEC 8/78) and on the present state of the Convention of Lomé with a view to the negotiation of the agreement which might follow it (Doc. ACP-EEC 10/78).

Cooperation with representatives of economic and social groups

Mrs Mathé introduced her report on the possibilities for closer cooperation with representatives of economic and social groups in the ACP and EEC countries (Doc. ACP-EEC 9/78).

The Assembly adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on cooperation with representatives of economic and social groups in the ACP and EEC countries

The ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, meeting from 25 to 29 September 1978 in Luxembourg,

- having heard the statement by the Chairman of the Joint Committee on 8 June 1977,
- having regard in this connection to the positive results of the first meeting of 9 June 1977,
- realizing the need to organize meetings between the members of the Joint Committee and representatives of the economic and social groups of the ACP countries and the EEC,

requests the Joint Committee to organize informal meetings with representatives of the economic and social groups in the ACP and EEC States on an *ad hoc* basis and whenever necessary.

The sitting was suspended at 9.50 a.m. and resumed at 10.15 a.m.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Emilio COLOMBO

President

the agreement which might follow it (Doc. ACP-EEC 10/78).

Mr Prescott spoke.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Charles SHERMAN

Vice-President

Annual report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers

Mr Guillabert introduced his report on the annual report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers (Doc. ACP-EEC 8/78) and on the present state of the Convention of Lomé with a view to the negotiation of

Mr O'Neil Lewis spoke.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Georges SPÉNALE

Vice-President

Mr Meintz spoke.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Satcam BOOLELL
Vice-President

Mr Ramathan spoke.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr E. L. A. WIJNTUIN
Vice-President

Mr Bordu spoke.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Renato SANDRI
Vice-President

Procedural motion

Mr Broeksz moved that speaking time be limited for the debate on the report by Mr Guillabert (Doc. ACP-EEC 10/78).

The President announced that the Assembly might take a decision on this motion at the beginning of the sitting of the following day, 29 September 1978.

Change in agenda

On a proposal from the President, the Assembly decided that the sitting of the following day, Friday, 29 September 1978, would commence at 8.30 a.m. and not 9.30 a.m. as originally planned.

Annual report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers (continuation)

Mr Kanu and Mr Kombot-Naguemon spoke.

Agenda for next sitting

The next sitting was to be held the following day, Friday, 29 September 1978, at 8.30 a.m., with the following agenda:

- further consideration of and vote on the report by Mr Guillabert on the annual report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and on the present state of the Convention of Lomé,
- any other business.

The sitting was closed at 1.10 p.m.

H. R. NORD and Oma BETOW
Secretaries-General

Tandeng MUNA
President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 1978

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Tandeng MUNA
President

The sitting was opened at 8.45 a.m.

Tribute

The President announced that His Holiness Pope John-Paul I had died in the early hours of that morning.

He then paid tribute to the late Jomo Kenyatta who had died on 22 August 1978 and had been President of Kenya for 15 years.

Mr Kiprono Arap Koino spoke.

Appointment of co-chairman of Joint Committee

The Assembly appointed Mr Gérard Ouedraogo co-chairman of the Joint Committee.

Mr Ouedraogo expressed thanks for this vote of confidence.

Limitation of speaking time

On a proposal from President Muna the Assembly decided, pursuant to Rule 13 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, to limit speaking time for the debate on the report by Mr Guillabert (Doc. ACP-EEC 10/78) to 10 minutes per speaker.

Annual report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers
(continuation)

Resuming the debate on the report by Mr Guillabert on the annual report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers (Doc. ACP-EEC 8/78) and on the present state of the Convention of Lomé with a view to the negotiation of

the agreement which might follow it (Doc. ACP-EEC 10/78), the following spoke: Mr Bersani, Mr Cisse, Mr Elsayed, Mr Ouedraogo, Mr Deschamps, Mr Wollie and the rapporteur.

The sitting was suspended at 10.05 a.m. and resumed at 10.15 a.m.

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO
President

Mr Tandeng MUNA
President

Tribute

President Colombo paid tribute to His Holiness Pope John-Paul I.

Mr Spénale withdrew his Amendment No 2.

The following spoke: Mr Prescott, Mr Dewulf, Mr Broeksz, Mr Kanu, Mr Sy, the rapporteur and Mr Prescott.

Annual report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers
(vote)

The next item was the vote on the motion for a resolution contained in the report by Mr Guillabert.

Amendment No 3 was rejected.

Mr Spénale and Mr Gbaguidi spoke.

The preamble and paragraphs 1 to 22 were adopted.

The Assembly adopted paragraphs 23 to 25.

Two amendments had been tabled supplementing paragraph 23:

Mr Prescott had tabled Amendment No 4 supplementing paragraph 26.

- No 2 by Mr Spénale,
- No 3 by Mr Prescott.

Mr Prescott and the rapporteur spoke.

Amendment No 4 was adopted.

The following spoke: Mr Spénale, Mr Prescott, Lord St Oswald, Mr Gbaguidi, Mr Broeksz and Mr Gbaguidi.

The Assembly adopted paragraph 26, thus amended, and then paragraphs 27 and 28.

Mr Broeksz and others had tabled Amendment No 1 adding a new paragraph after paragraph 28.

Mr Spénale proposed that during the vote on an amendment one ACP representative and one European Parliament representative should be allowed to speak in favour and one ACP representative and one European Parliament representative against.

The following spoke: Mr Broeksz, Lord St Oswald, Mrs Mathé, Mr Afolabi and the rapporteur.

Amendment No 1 was adopted.

The Assembly agreed to this proposal.

The Assembly adopted paragraphs 29 to 32.

Mr Gbaguidi and the rapporteur spoke.

The Assembly adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the annual report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and on the present state of the Convention of Lomé

The ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, meeting in Luxembourg from 27 to 29 September 1978,

- having regard to the statements by the President of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers, the President of the ACP Council of Ministers and the representatives of the Council and Commission of the European Communities,
- having taken note of the annual report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers (Doc. ACP-EEC 8/78),

- having regard to the report of its Joint Committee (Doc. ACP-EEC 10/78),
- welcoming the accession of the Republic of Jibuti to the Convention and the steps currently being taken for the accession of the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu,
- welcoming the accession to the Convention of Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe and Papua New Guinea, while regretting that it was unduly delayed because of the slowness of the ratification procedures in the Member States of the Community,
- stressing once again that the Convention is still open, under the provisions laid down, to other free and independent countries and those who will be so in the future,
- recalling the will of the partners to the Lomé Convention to maintain and develop the friendly relations existing between their countries in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter,
- considering that the Lomé Convention remains a unique example of multilateral cooperation between industrialized and developing countries,
- emphasizing the need, through improved implementation of the Lomé Convention, to promote the economic development of the ACP States and the Member States of the Community,
- hoping that the achievements of Lomé will provide a foundation for the negotiations on the new Convention, and so allow further progress to be achieved in cooperation between the ACP States and the Community,

(a) *On the implementation of the Lomé Convention*

1. Expresses its concern that the trading position of the ACP States with respect to the Community is still unsatisfactory; stresses, therefore, the urgent need for further measures to strengthen the position of the ACP States on the Community market;
2. Notes that the Community's generalized preferences scheme, one element in the liberalization of international trade, is leading to a progressive reduction in the advantages which the Convention provides for ACP States, and consequently calls for measures to be taken to safeguard these interests in keeping with the Unctad IV resolution.
3. Calls for the necessary measures to be taken to safeguard the interests of the ACP States on the basis of the results of the working party set up, and hopes that other industrialized countries will grant preferential benefits to the developing countries equal to those granted by the Community;
4. Considers that the Community decisions on the import treatment for beef and veal and tomatoes originating in ACP States do represent progress, but
 - (a) urges the Community to consolidate the preferential regime for beef and veal currently in force taking full account of all conditions and factors within the terms and the spirit of the Lomé Convention;
 - (b) calls for an increase in the quota for tomatoes, taking account of the production facilities of the ACP States and the ability of the European market to absorb this production;
5. Feels that a spirit of solidarity and mutual understanding should make it possible to overcome the present difficulties connected with the import into the Community of rum originating in the ACP States;
6. Notes the decision of the banana-exporting ACP States to establish a common organization to promote and safeguard their interests, and the support which the Commission is giving to these States for this initiative; urges the Community and the ACP to make every effort to develop the marketing of ACP bananas in the various Member States of the Community;
7. Condemns the lack of genuine negotiations on the fixing of the guaranteed price for ACP sugar for the 1978/79 marketing year and the failure to comply with the spirit of the provisions of Article 5 (4) of the sugar Protocol which, according to the Convention, should ensure a just and remunerative price for the ACP States;

8. Welcomes the fact that the concept of *force majeure* has finally been defined, thus facilitating the implementation of the sugar Protocol;
9. Invites the Council to submit new proposals without delay on the supply of surplus agricultural products to the ACP States and the aid to be granted to them in respect of transport and storage in order to ensure the carriage, conservation and distribution of these products;
10. Invites the ACP States and the Community to work out together solutions to the difficulties arising in the operation of the Stabex system, in particular as regards the transfers to which certain ACP countries can legitimately lay claim;
11. Notes the resolution adopted by the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers at its meeting of 13 and 14 March 1978 on the implementation of common objectives in regard to the export of basic products;
12. Calls for speedier realization of objectives in the field of industrial cooperation;
13. Requests the Joint Committee to organize, whenever necessary, informal *ad hoc* meetings with the representatives of the economic and social groups of the ACP States and the Member States of the Community;
14. Deplores the delays in payments in connection with financial and technical cooperation and delays in appraisal and implementation of projects notably affecting certain Pacific States;
15. Reminds the Council and Commission of the Communities of the serious situation of the least developed, landlocked or island ACP States and urges that special measures and specific action in their favour should be implemented or intensified; believes that encouragement of regional cooperation among ACP States may, in collaboration with the EEC or individual Community countries, contribute to solutions to these difficulties;

(b) *As regards the negotiation of the Agreement which might follow the Convention of Lomé*

16. Notes the favourable climate in which the negotiations for a new ACP-EEC Convention opened on 24 July 1978;
17. Feels that the future Convention should provide an opportunity for strengthening the pattern of relations established between developed and developing States by the Lomé Convention in the perspective of a new international economic order, taking into account in particular the changes which have occurred since the signing of the existing Agreement and the principal claims put forward by the developing countries, in particular in connection with the common fund forming part of the integrated programme for raw materials and the debt burden, especially as regards the least-favoured countries;
18. Suggests that the new Convention should be valid for a longer period and that it should contain the revision clauses needed to provide the ACP States and the Community with greater guarantees, a formula which would also stress the permanent nature of ACP-EEC cooperation;
19. Recognizes that the prospective enlargement of the Community from nine to 12 Member States provides the possibility of advantages, as well as of problems, for the ACP States, which are themselves likely to be increased in number in the years immediately ahead; and calls on those who will be engaged in the negotiation of a new Agreement to take those factors fully into account in their deliberations;
20. Hopes that the negotiations will provide an opportunity to extend, innovate and reinforce all the instruments of cooperation contained in the Convention;
21. Stresses that the new Convention should take sufficient account of the fact that 19 ACP States number among the 29 poorest, landlocked and island States in the world and that therefore particularly favourable arrangements are necessary to help them overcome their specific difficulties;
22. Calls for the successor Convention to the Lomé Convention to make special provisions for aiding the ACP States to resolve the problem of marketing mining products (particularly copper and phosphates) and rubber, at stable and remunerative prices, according to the Stabex method, or by other appropriate means;

23. Considers that the question of a reference to human rights in the future Convention should, when the time comes, be approached with great care and a high sense of responsibility; there must be no complacency or prejudice, nor must this matter be used as a veiled pretext for interfering in the internal affairs of the Member States of the Convention;

24. Hopes that the possibility of including, in the future Convention, provisions on the promotion and protection of foreign investment will be carefully studied, due account being taken of the provisions of ACP investment codes and the investment guarantee policies of the Member States of the Community;

25. Emphasizes that a break in continuity between the present and future Conventions would be disastrous for the partners to the Agreement, and urges that the negotiations be concluded in time to allow ratification to be completed before the present Convention expires; and that after the new Agreements have been concluded the ratification procedures be simplified and speeded up;

(c) On the political situation in southern Africa

26. Recalls the resolution on the situation in southern Africa adopted by its Joint Committee in Maseru, Lesotho on 1 December 1977 and paragraph 17 of the resolution of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly meeting in Luxembourg in June 1977;

27. Condemns the racist policy of apartheid pursued by South Africa, pays tribute to the courage of the peoples and governments of Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia and reaffirms its solidarity with them;

28. Urges that the special measures already taken for their benefit be stepped up and in particular that a special action programme be instituted urgently for them;

29. Strongly condemns the violation of the embargo on Rhodesia by three major European oil companies and requests that vigorous action be taken by the Community with a view to putting an end to the collaboration of these companies with the racist regimes in Pretoria and Salisbury, and that effective sanctions be rapidly applied in the event of violations;

30. Strongly condemns the decision by South Africa to organize elections in Namibia unilaterally and calls for the immediate holding of free elections under UN supervision, to be prepared in close collaboration with all the representative forces of the Namibian people;

31. Welcomes the Community's efforts to influence the conduct of multinational companies in South Africa, in particular through the establishment of a code of conduct for companies operating in that country;

32. Urges further speedy action to end the collaboration of these companies with the Government of South Africa;

33. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of the Joint Committee to the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and the Commission of the European Communities.

Mr Guillabert, rapporteur, spoke.

Closure of the annual session

President Colombo thanked the members of the Assembly for their participation.

He declared the annual session of the Consultative Assembly closed.

The sitting was closed at 12 noon.

H. R. NORD and Oma BETOW
Secretaries-General

Emilio COLOMBO and Tandeng MUNA
Presidents