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drawn up on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee

on the Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Member States to be held on 14-15 December 1973 in Copenhagen

Rapporteur: Mr G. GIRAUDO
Chairman of the Committee

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At its sitting of 13 November 1973 the European Parliament instructed the Political Affairs Committee to submit a report in view of the Conference of Heads of State or Government on 14-15 December 1973.

The Political Affairs Committee appointed its chairman, Mr Giraud, rapporteur at its meeting of 29 November in Brussels and on 30 November adopted this report by 15 votes in favour with 2 abstentions.

The following were present: Mr Giraud, chairman and rapporteur; Mr Radoux and Lord Gladwyn, vice-chairmen; Mr Achenbach, Mr Antoniozzi (deputizing for Mr Malfatti), Sir Tufton Beamish, Mr Behrendt, Mr Bertrand, Mr Bourges, Mr Durieux (deputizing for Mr Berthoin), Mr Fellermaier, Mr Hougardy, Mr Jahn, Mr Kirk, Mr McDonald, Mr Patijn and Mr Van der Sanden.

The Political Affairs Committee instructed the rapporteur to make an oral explanatory statement on the motion for a resolution.

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The Political Affairs Committee hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

in view of the Conference of Heads of State or Government on 14 and 15 December 1973

The European Parliament,

On the eve of the Conference of Heads of State or Government on 14 and 15 December 1973

- convinced that the present tensions in international relations, and their repercussions within the Community, make it even more essential to advance the deadlines for achieving European union;
- reaffirming the interdependence of economic and political integration;
- considering that the political identity of Community Europe should enable Europe to fulfil its world responsibilities and will facilitate more effective dialogue and cooperation with Europe's world partners and particularly with the United States of America;

Considers

1. that the Community's increased responsibilities in regard to both internal matters and international developments call more and more for the establishment of a Community centre of policy decision making capable of assuming the functions of a true and proper European Government backed up by a Parliament to which election by direct universal suffrage must be provided for straightaway and the strengthening of whose powers of control and decision must be decided on immediately;
2. that conferences of Heads of State or Government can provide desirable opportunities for stimulus, and that, in this context, they should make use of existing Community institutions and their valuable experience, particularly that of the Commission whose participation is essential in matters directly or indirectly concerning Community powers;
3. that the political determination expressed and the decisions taken by the Heads of State or Government on 19 and 20 October 1972 must be implemented in practical terms and that the Community must therefore assert its cohesion and adapt its institutional structure to the needs of its new dimension and the tasks devolving on it;

Requests

4. that procedures be established and more effective and binding forms of common action agreed in the field of external policy and security, to enable the nine Member States to adopt a united position in response to international events and to enable Community Europe to develop its own identity, which is a necessary condition of greater world stability;
5. that all necessary commitments be undertaken to make up for lost time within the coming months in the achievement of Economic and Monetary Union and that the programmes of regional policy, social policy and industrial, scientific and technological policy be implemented without delay;
6. that there be implemented immediately and in full solidarity a common energy policy which - by adapting the existing Community structures to provide the essential coordination of information and programmes in the Member States and the Community - will ensure within the framework of international cooperation a better supply position in the medium and long term;
7. that a plan of coordinated action be drawn up by the Community for a united fight against inflation and its negative effects, with particular reference to the policy of full employment which the Community must pursue;
8. that urgent measures be decided on to reinforce Community structures both in regard to decision-making procedures and to places of work and the conditions under which the mandates entrusted to the individual institutions are exercised;

Instructs

9. its President to forward this resolution to the Heads of State or Government of the Member States and to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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