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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Joint Committee

on the implementation of the resolution of
the Consultative Assembly on cultural
cooperation between ACP States and the
European Economic Community

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Part A : Motion for a resolution

At its meeting of 30 September 1981 in Luxembourg the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly adopted a resolution on cultural cooperation between the ACP States and the European Community in which the Joint Committee working party was 'charged with the mandate permanently to monitor the realization by the joint institutions of the ACP and the EEC and other bodies and institutions of these proposals and to bring forward some concrete measures for the next meeting of the Joint Committee in Zimbabwe' (paragraph 46)¹.

On 4 February 1982 the Joint Committee meeting in Harare (Zimbabwe) unanimously adopted a resolution on ACP-EEC cultural cooperation.

The working party met on 3 February 1982 in Harare and on 18 March, 25 June, 30 September and 20 October 1982 in Brussels.

At its meeting of 2 November 1982 the Joint Committee considered the draft report by HE Ambassador CHASLE and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Butagira (Uganda), Co-Chairman, Mr Bersani, Co-Chairman; HE Ambassador Chasle (Mauritius), rapporteur; Mr Arndt (deputizing for Mr Cluskey), Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Mr Cohen, Congo, Ivory Coast, Mr Deleau (deputizing for Mr Flanagan), Mr Denis, Mr Deschamps, Djibouti, Mrs Dury (deputizing for Mrs Castle), Mr Enright, Ethiopia, Mrs Ewing, Mr Ferrero, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Mr de Goede, Guinea, Guyana, Upper Volta, Mr Irmer, Mr Israel, Mr Kellett-Bowman, Kenya, Lesotho, Mr Lezzi, Liberia, Mr Lüster, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mr Muntingh, Mr Narducci, Nigeria, Mr d'Ormesson, Papua New Guinea, Mr Pearce, Mrs Poirier, Mr Poniatowski, Mrs Pruvot (deputizing for Mr Haagerup), Mr Sable, Sao Tome and Principe, Mr Seefeld, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, the Sudan, Surinam, Swaziland, Togo, Tonga, Mr Turner, Mr Vergès, Zaire and Zambia.

¹OJ No. C 15, 20.1.1982

A.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

The Joint Committee,

- meeting in Rome from 1 to 3 November 1982;
 - having regard to the resolutions on cultural cooperation between the ACP States and the European Economic Community adopted by the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly on 30 September 1981 in Luxembourg¹ and by the ACP-EEC Joint Committee on 3 February 1982 in Harare²;
 - whereas negotiations between the ACP States and the European Economic Community with a view to establishing a new Convention to succeed Lomé II will begin on 1 September 1983;
 - whereas the next ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly is not due to meet until after this date;
 - having regard to the report by its working party;
1. Notes with satisfaction the interest shown by the various institutions and individuals in the report and the resolution adopted by the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly on 30 September 1981 in Luxembourg and stresses in this connection that, if widely distributed, the report would undoubtedly attract more support from active groups in society and greatly increase public awareness of the issues involved; urgently reiterates, therefore, its demand for wide distribution.

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²CA/CP/279/fin.

2. Notes with equal satisfaction the specific activities undertaken or about to be undertaken by the Commission of the European Communities and urges the Commission, to the extent of its powers, to step up its activities, taking the fullest account of the socio-cultural identities of the peoples of the ACP countries.
3. Calls, in particular, on the Community to give its full support to the efforts of the ACP countries to embark on mutual cooperation in the fields of education, research and training.
4. Notes with the greatest interest the new positive assessment of the cultural aspects of development in the memorandum of the Commission of the European Communities on the Community's development policy.
5. Notes, however, that the report and the resolution adopted by the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly on 30 September 1981 in Luxembourg have not yet been considered by the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and urgently requests that they be examined in depth at its next meeting.
6. Regrets also that its recommendation that the ACP States and the Community set up a joint high-level group of experts has still not been implemented.
7. Emphatically reaffirms the conclusions of last year's ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly meeting in Luxembourg, regarding the importance of the cultural dimension in cooperation and development, the aspirations and endeavours of the ACP States and the obstacles they face and the fundamental importance both of intra-ACP cooperation in this field and of broader cooperation between the ACP States and the European Economic Community.

8. Invites all those concerned to implement promptly and realistically the short-term measures recommended in the Luxembourg resolution and specified in this report.
9. Calls more particularly on the ACP States and the European Economic Community, when implementing the present Lomé Convention, to consider all proposals which could help to ensure wider and more effective utilization of the instruments provided for in the Convention.
10. Regrets that the appeals made to the Member States of the Community concerning the increasingly difficult situation of ACP students have gone unanswered; emphasizes most strongly that the discriminatory measures taken against these students run counter to the aims of the present Lomé Convention, calls for the appropriate measures specified in the Luxembourg resolution to be taken as a matter of urgency and insists on the abolition of the discriminatory measures affecting ACP students and their children, particularly as regards enrolment fees for primary, secondary, technical and university education.
11. Calls also on the ACP-EEC institutions, the ACP States and the Member States of the Community to examine carefully the proposals in this report designed to assist the social and cultural integration of ACP students and migrant workers in their places of study and work in the Community.

12. Endorses the opinion, expressed by the ACP-EEC Joint Committee meeting in Harare, that the Convention to succeed Lomé II must take account of the cultural aspect of development, in accordance with the Luxembourg resolution, by including, where appropriate, specific provisions in the various chapters of the Convention and by providing a separate chapter dealing with cultural cooperation.
13. Recommends, to this end, that the parties negotiating the third Convention jointly examine in detail the report adopted by the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly meeting in Luxembourg and the present report and take into consideration the practical proposals contained in them on various specific cultural sectors, especially the socio-cultural sphere, in particular the role of women in development, education, training, research, the acquisition of technological skills, the promotion of craft industries, information and communication, cultural exchanges, cultural industries, development of tourism, the social and cultural position of ACP students and migrant workers in the Member States of the EEC and intra-ACP cooperation.
14. Instructs the working party of the Joint Committee to continue to ensure that the institutions implement these proposals.
15. Requests the chairmen of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly to forward this resolution to the ACP-EEC institutions, the Community institutions and the governments and parliaments of the ACP States and the Member States of the European Community.