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MOTION FOR A GENERAL RESOLUTION

tabled by the Joint Committee

on the conclusion of the  
Joint Committee's proceedings

The Consultative Assembly, meeting in Luxembourg from 10 to 12 October 1979,

- having heard 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 EEC,
- having deliberated thereon,
- welcoming the accession to the Convention of Dominica, the Solomon Islands, St. Lucia and Tuvalu, and the steps being taken for the accession of the Republic of Kiribati. This development demonstrates the vitality of the Convention, which remains open, pursuant to the provisions laid down, to other free and independent countries and those that are about to become so,
- stressing the commitment of the peoples and governments of the ACP countries and the Community Member States to forge an evergrowing and stronger link based on equal partnership for mutual benefit,
- recalling its commitment to the establishment as a matter of urgency of a new and more equitable world economic order, and regretting, therefore the delays and disappointing outcome achieved at the Fifth UNCTAD Conference in Manila,
- paying tribute to the effectiveness of many provisions of the first Convention of Lomé, which, despite some disappointment, formed the basis on which a new Convention could be built,

- taking note that the following problems are still pending before the responsible authorities:

- how the ACP States are to deal with investments originating in the EEC Member States,
- the extension of the field of application of the provisions of Article 18 of the Statute of the EIB,
- the list of agricultural products granted free access to the Community markets, particularly rice,
- the drawing up of a policy for promoting investments in the less-developed countries and making compensation for the loss of commercial outlets suffered by these countries,
- the definition of the criteria for entering countries on the list of landlocked countries,

1. STRESSES the need to overcome the special difficulties at present existing, so that the new Convention can be signed as soon as possible, and also to testify to the political goodwill of the partners for the extension and deepening of this initial agreement to the benefit of all the interested parties;
2. WELCOMES the fact that the new draft Convention has taken into consideration certain suggestions made by the Consultative Assembly and its Joint Committee, such as the establishment of an Agricultural Centre, an aid programme to ACP countries producing certain minerals and social measures in favour of ACP workers in the Community, and hopes that these measures will be implemented and will prove effective;
3. HOPES that the system put into operation for mineral products with a view to countering the decline in production capacities and in the export of these products to the Community will prove more successful, thus meeting the concern voiced by the ACP countries that a system comparable to the STABEX system should be established;

4. REGRETS, however, that the volume of the EDF in the new Convention has hardly been increased in real terms, notes that it is insufficient to meet the substantial needs of the ACP countries and the heavy burden of their debts and appeals, therefore, to the Community Member States to increase for the future the volume of aid granted by them so as to meet these needs;
5. NOTES the specific mention made in the new Convention of the work of the Joint Committee and believes that the effectiveness of the Convention's parliamentary bodies must be improved;
6. WELCOMES the formal recognition given to consultations which have taken place between the Joint Committee and the social and economic sectors and urges that the joint declaration on the importance of introducing a direct and effective dialogue with the social partners, involving the Council and these groups, should be implemented;
7. HOPES finally that the parliaments of the EEC Member States will soon proceed to ratify the Convention so that it can enter into force on 1 March 1980, thus avoiding the delays and difficulties entailed by having to apply transitional measures.