

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The Council

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R e s o l u t i o n

on the third United Nations Conference on the
Law of the Sea
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The European Parliament,

- whereas European union will be built on firm achievements which, more than anything else, create true solidarity;
 - whereas the economic and social progress of the peoples of the Community can best be served by joint action on the part of Member States;
 - whereas it is essential, now more than ever before, to strengthen relations between the Member States of the Community in all fields;
 - whereas, moreover, one of the essential goals of the Community is the improvement of the quality of life of its peoples;
 - having regard to the fundamental importance which attaches in this respect to the protection of the seas from pollution and improper and reckless exploitation;
- 1.- Welcomes the fact that, at the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea taking place in Caracas from June to August 1974, the Community will participate as such on certain matters falling within its competence;
 - 2.- Also welcomes the fact that, where other matters are concerned, the Member States will seek to harmonize their positions;
 - 3.- Hopes, however, in view of the importance of the problems to be discussed at this Conference, that this harmonization of positions will result in a united position;
 - 4.- Directs an urgent appeal to the Council and the Governments of the Member States to use this occasion to transfer to the jurisdiction of the Community the most important national powers in this field;
 - 5.- 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.