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EURATOM AND COMMON MARKET PRESIDENTS COMMENT UPON SUSPENSION OF  
U.K. NEGOTIATIONS AND THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 1 -- The Presidents of the Commissions of the European Atomic Energy Community and the European Economic Community expressed confidence last night in Brussels that the European Community would successfully weather present difficulties arising out of the suspension of the U.K.-EEC negotiations.

Euratom Commission President Pierre Chatenet and Commission President Walter Hallstein of the Common Market, in addressing a gathering of the permanent representatives of the member states and the ambassadors accredited to the Community, both urged concentration upon the future tasks of the European Community and upon maintaining the momentum of its activities.

M. Chatenet told the gathering that "any political achievement is subject to setbacks resulting from the development of the general economic and political climate." "We must be able to face them with the composure which comes from the knowledge that we are engaged in a task which is superior to them," he continued. "Our activities are defined and organized by the Treaties of Rome, which continue to be our charter. Let us carry on, in 1963, with our tireless and patient labors, and we shall be able to look with confidence to the future."

Professor Hallstein said that the problem of a "durable structure for our relations with our friends in Europe and the Atlantic area in particular is still awaiting a solution."

"Certainly," he continued, "no one fails to recognize how important, how serious the problems are that we see before us. But we must not forget that European integration, which has successfully weathered its way through many perilous deeps and critical hazards, is a long-term process and one involving broad horizons."

"Our only chance of arriving at a solution to the problems still outstanding," President Hallstein declared, "lies in our continued awareness...that life must go on if all our hopes and promises are to be realized. If we decide to go on in this spirit with the work of the New Year, we shall see that, although there are difficult phases in the dynamic flow of events in which we are caught up, yet there is nothing for which the machinery of our Community does not provide the nucleus of a possible solution."

#### Hallstein Indicates New Contacts with Latin America and Asia

In reviewing the Community's achievements during 1962, the Common Market Commission President said that, although "it has not been possible to organize the Community's external relations at the same rapid pace as we managed to keep up in our internal arrangements," the association agreement between the Common Market and Greece had come into force and negotiations had been concluded with the associated African states.

"While we have thus given expression to the Community's special responsibility toward the African states," he said, "we are aware that we also have obligations vis-a-vis the states of Latin America and Asia which we cannot and do not wish to deny. We hope in the very near future to enter into fruitful negotiations for coordinating our mutual interests. Our policy of cooperation and progress is intended to help all developing countries to strengthen their economic and political independence."