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CONFERENCE ON IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS

The Commission is organising a conference entitled "Work organisation, technical development and motivation of the individual" to be held in Brussels from 5 to 7 November, 1974.

Experts from governments, employers' and workers' organisations, research institutes and universities will take part. They will study the adaptation problems which exist or which could arise in the near future between workers, industrial enterprises and society as a whole. The experts will discuss all the social, political, technological, economic and training aspects of organising work in such a way as to make it more satisfying and meaningful for the individual by making use of all technical resources.

When the Summit Conference in Paris in October 1972 invited the Community institutions to draw up a social action programme it specified that the aims of the programme should be:

1. the achievement of full and better employment;
2. the improvement of living and working conditions and
3. the increased involvement of management and labour in the economic and social decisions of the Community and for workers in the life of undertakings.

The Council resolution of 21 January, 1974, approving the social action programme also listed the third aim mentioned above as an area where the Commission was to submit priority proposals before the end of 1974. It is in this context that the conference is being organised and its findings will help the Commission in finalising its proposals in the fields of improvement of living and working conditions and greater participation.

The conference will be preceded by four specialised one-day seminars to be held in Brussels during September of this year and covering:

1. Automation, Robots, Artificial intelligence
2. Automobile industry
3. Service industry (banks, insurance, administration)
4. Light and heavy industries.

The results and conclusions of these specialised seminars will be presented to the working groups of the conference.

Vice-President Hillery, who is responsible for social affairs, and Mr. Spinelli, who is responsible for industrial affairs in the Commission, will take part in the conference.