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Subject : Health care in the European Communities

Having regard to

- the need to ensure that individual citizens are aware that Europe is a better place to live in, (1)
- the need to achieve a measure of forward planning, so that we can identify the problems of the future and set ourselves on a path to their solution now, (2)
- the Social Action Programme of the European Communities adopted by Resolution of the Council of 21 January 1974, (3) and the desirability of establishing an initial action programme relating in particular

(1) cf President Jenkins 11.1.1977

(2) cf President Crosland 12.1.1977

(3) Bulletin Supplement 2/74

to the health of workers,

- the recent progress towards mutual recognition of qualifications, greater exchange of information, the expansion of research and more intensive study of the economics of health care,

is the Commission prepared to consider :

- (i) the improvement of existing facilities for the reciprocity of health care within the Communities?
- (ii) the diminution of the marked differentials which exist between the required payments for medical, dental and hospital services at the time of need?
- (iii) the initiation of studies with a view to the provision, in the medium term, of a comprehensive Community health service which shall be free at the time of need?