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EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY

One hundred and twenty women from the 12 member states of the European Community, representing 85 organisations with a total membership of more than 50 million, met in London at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre from 5-7 November 1987 for the 4th European Community Colloquium for women's voluntary organisations. The colloquium was opened by Angela Rumböld, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science.

After two days of debate during which the meeting was addressed by, among others, Hedy d'Ancona, chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights, the delegates adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

This 4th Colloquium of non-governmental women's organisations meeting in London on the 6th and 7th November 1987:

wishing to achieve speedier progress towards equality of opportunity and treatment for all women, in the context of a more united Europe:

resolves that a structure be set up, open to all interested women's organisations, which can exert influence and put effective pressure on European and national institutions in order to ensure that women's interests are more adequately defended and represented.

The delegates therefore ask that the Commission of the European Community lend its assistance to organise a meeting at the beginning of next year, with a view to setting up such a structure.

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