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to the report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on  
Institutional Affairs

on the European Parliament's position concerning  
the reform of the Treaties and the achievement  
of European Union

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## COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

On 9 July 1981 the European Parliament adopted the following resolution by 164 votes in favour, 24 against and 12 abstentions

### RESOLUTION

#### setting up a committee on institutional problems

The European Parliament,

- having had the opportunity since the election of its members by direct universal suffrage to assess the way in which the institutions operate and the effectiveness of Community policies,
- considering its duty to submit, debate and vote on proposals for reform relating to the functions of the Community and, therefore, of its institutions,
- convinced that proposals for reform underpinned by a broad consensus of the political forces of all the Member States and adopted by Parliament should be sent directly for ratification to the appropriate constitutional authorities in each Member State,
- emphasizing the historical and political reasons underlying the Community integration process and the interdependent and peaceful conduct of relations between the peoples of the Community for over 30 years,
- noting with anxiety that the declarations of intent and the official resolutions adopted on several occasions on the establishment of a European Union in 1980 by the progressive reform of the existing institutions have not always been actively pursued,
- aware of its immense political responsibility if it is to adhere to the principles outlined by the founders of the Community, whose inspiration and resolve sprang from the appalling experiences of the Second World War,

- convinced that the fact that it has been elected by direct universal suffrage gives it both increased authority and additional duties in the performance of its democratic tasks,
- recalling the steps which it has taken, especially motion for a resolution Doc. 1-347/79 tabled by the Group of the European People's Party.

Resolves:

- a) to take full initiative in giving fresh impetus to the establishment of European Union;
- b) to create a permanent committee on institutional problems as from the second half of the term of office of the European Parliament whose task it will be to draw up amendments to the existing Treaties;
- c) to instruct the Subcommittee on Institutional Problems of the Political Affairs Committee to submit to it proposals for a clear division of powers.

Strasbourg, 9 July 1981