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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the need for and means of achieving close cooperation  
between the European Institutions and the European Foundation  
established by the Agreement signed on 29 March 1982 by the  
Foreign Affairs Ministers of the European Community



## The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Agreement establishing a European Foundation signed by the Member States on 29 March 1982 at the European Council in Brussels,
  - having regard to the arrangement concerning the setting up of a preparatory committee responsible for preliminary work and for facilitating material and administrative preparations for the Foundation,
  - having regard to the declarations concerning the Agreement establishing a European Foundation and the Declaration concerning the arrangements applicable to the Foundation, and to its members and staff, adopted by the representatives of the states signatories to the Agreement together with the abovementioned texts,
- A. Considering that it is necessary and urgent to provide Europe with the instruments and facilities it needs to achieve its objectives, as set out:
- in the declaration by Robert Schuman of 9 May 1950 advocating a Europe organized as a living force capable of contributing to civilization the vital component that is essential for securing peaceful relations,
  - in the preamble to the EEC Treaty, which includes the objective of laying 'the foundations of an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe',
  - in the declaration on European identity made at the Copenhagen summit in December 1973, in which the Member States declare their resolve to ensure the observance of the legal, political and moral values to which they are committed, together with their determination to preserve the rich variety of their national cultures, while making common cause with an outlook on life based on the will to construct a society conceived and implemented in the service of humanity,
  - in the Tindemans report on the European Union, Chapter IV of which (A Citizen's Europe) affirms that 'the construction of Europe is more than just a form of collaboration between States. It is a rapprochement of peoples who wish to go forward together, adapting

their activity to the changing conditions in the world, while preserving those values which are their common heritage', and which asserts that 'the fact that our countries have a common destiny is not enough; this fact must also be seen to exist'.

- B. considering that it will be essential, looking ahead to the forthcoming European elections, for Europe to break with the narrow, bureaucratic approach and appeal to a wider public so as to encourage European citizens to take full advantage of their common heritage and bring home the realization that in the current crisis the building of a united Europe is the only possible solution,
1. Considers that the European Foundation can provide an effective mechanism for achieving its objectives, inas much as the signatories have declared their resolve to promote mutual understanding between their respective peoples to the fullest human, social and cultural extent possible, and are resolved to bring home to their fellow citizens, in immediate and concrete terms, the reality of progress towards the objective of European union;
  2. Urges, therefore, that internal procedures for the adoption and ratification of the Agreement by national parliaments should be completed as speedily as possible;
  3. Continues to regret that the legal form of the Agreement establishing the Foundation deviates from the opinion that it delivered on 15 March 1978<sup>1</sup> urging that the legal basis for this institution should be Article 235 of the EEC Treaty;
  4. Notes, however, that the Agreement provides for intervention by the Community institutions, in particular:
    - as regards the Community in general, on the appointment of some of the Members making up the Council of the Foundation,
    - as regards Parliament, on the fixing of that part of the financial resources of the Foundation originating with the Community, which are, pursuant to the Agreement concluded on 30 June 1982, classified as non-compulsory expenditure,
    - as regards the Court of Auditors, on the exercise of financial control over the Foundation,

<sup>1</sup> Doc. 575/77 OJ No. C 85, 20 April 1978 - 3 -

- as regards the Court of Justice, on the appointment by its President of the arbitration body competent to rule in any disputes between the Member States on the one hand, and between the Foundation and the Member States on the other;
5. Notes, moreover, that since Article 3 of the Agreement of 29 March 1982 stipulates that the activities of the Foundation are to be complementary to those set out in Community programmes of activities, though without duplicating the latter, it will be appropriate in this connection to observe the Community decision-making procedure of Commission proposal followed by consultation of the European Parliament;
  6. Is convinced that on the basis of those elements already laid down in the Agreement, it will prove possible to establish close links between the Foundation and the Institutions of the Community - in particular the European Parliament as the direct representative of the citizens of Europe - as an indispensable element in guaranteeing that the Foundation can operate as an effective source of new ideas and inspiration to European governments and European Institutions alike;
  7. Considers, in this connection, that it will be essential:
    - (a) for the Commission to introduce without delay, and submit to the European Parliament for its opinion, a proposal for the nomination by the Community of members of the Council of the Foundation, so as to ensure that the prominent personalities composing it, to be chosen, pursuant to Article 9 of the Agreement, from among nationals of the Member States on the basis of qualifications and experience, and subject to guarantees of their independence, will also enjoy the confidence of the Community institutions,
    - (b) for the candidates proposed by the Commission of the European Communities to include Members of the European Parliament,
    - (c) for the Council of the Foundation to undertake, on being constituted, to:
      - forward the Foundation's programmes of activities - in advance of their adoption - to the European Parliament so that these can be taken into consideration as part of the decisions to be taken by the latter under the budgetary procedure,
      - forward to Parliament the annual general report on the activities of the Foundation provided for in Article 23 of the

agreement,

- forward the annual report to be drawn up by the Court of Auditors - pursuant to Article 20 of the Agreement - to the European Parliament, to enable the latter to deliver its opinion,
- hold regular consultations with a delegation from the European Parliament;

8. Asks to be associated, on equal terms with the Commission, with the work of the Foundation;

9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and to the national parliaments and governments of the Member States.