

ACP - EEC CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY

JOINT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

on the operation of the parliamentary institutions under the two Lomé Conventions

- adopted unanimously with one abstention by the Joint Committee on 24 February 1983

The Joint Committee meeting in Kingston, (Jamaica) from 21 to 24 February 1983,

- Recalling paragraph 97 of the resolution on the Sixth Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers, and on the first results of the ACP-EEC Convention, adopted in Rome on 4 November 1982 (1),

1. Instructs its Bureau to draw up in cooperation with the Bureau of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly proposals on the parliamentary institutional system to be embodied in the new Convention;
2. Requests the Bureau to take full account, when drawing up its proposals, of the experience acquired in this respect under the two Lomé Conventions;
3. Judges that the experience acquired under the present Convention and under the Convention of Lomé I indicate, inter alia, the need :

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- to develop still further the joint element in the operation of the parliamentary institutions,
 - to stop the duplication which leads to the Joint Committee and the Consultative Assembly repeating the same work,
 - to improve the organisational structure of the ad hoc working groups, which have been of great benefit to the quality of the work of the parliamentary bodies of the Convention,
 - to define the institutional role of the economic and social partners as called for in the resolution adopted by the Consultative Assembly on 5 November 1982,
 - to provide for the budgetary independence of the parliamentary bodies to be set up under the future Convention;
4. Instructs the Bureau to submit corresponding proposals to its next meeting;
 5. Is convinced of the importance of observing the principle of alternation in holding the meetings of the Joint Committee and its working parties;
 6. Insists that the European Parliament give a favourable response to any request from an ACP government to host a meeting of a working party, where that request is supported by the other Member States represented on the working party in question.