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embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the amended proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation establishing a European Regional Development Fund
- II. a Decision setting up a Regional Policy Committee
- III. a Financial Regulation supplementing the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the amended proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (R/605/75, R/606/75 and R 459/1/75),
- having been consulted by the Council at the conclusion of the meeting of a 'concertation committee' on 4 March 1975 (Doc. 528/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 534/74),
- referring to its most recent resolutions on the European Regional Development Fund of 5 July 1973 (¹), 15 November 1973 (²), 13 December 1973 (³) and 13 March 1974 (⁴),

— **The concertation procedure**

- (a) recalling that at the European Parliament's sitting of 19 February 1975 the President-in-Office of the Council invited a Parliament delegation to take part with the Council in the meeting of a 'concertation committee' to consider the new proposals for two Regulations and a Decision concerning regional policy;
- (b) recalling that this meeting forms part of the procedure of concertation with the Council 'for Community action of a general nature with significant financial implications, the adoption of which does not follow automatically from existing provisions' . . . if 'the Council intends to diverge from the Opinion adopted by the Assembly', thus permitting the European Parliament to 'give a new Opinion';
- (c) recalling that during the meeting of this 'concertation committee' on 4 March 1975 the delegation noted that the texts on which the Council was about to take a Decision differed substantially from those on which Parliament had given an Opinion and obtained the Council's agreement to reconsultation;
- (d) noting that the need to open this new consultation procedure will only incur a delay of a few days for the taking of Decisions, whilst the Council, in disregarding the schedule fixed by the summit conference of October 1972, has caused a delay of almost two years and that, at all events, the Fund should be effective retroactively from 1 January 1975;

— **The need for, and urgency of, a Community regional policy**

- (a) whereas, despite the intervention policies of Member States, the *per capita* difference between average incomes in the richer and poorer regions of the Community has increased still more;
- (b) whereas the existence of the European Communities has brought about continued economic growth in the Member States but this growth has not been balanced; the creation of the customs union before the establishment of a Community regional policy encouraged a further gap between the richer and poorer regions;

(¹) OJ No C 62, 31. 7. 1973, p. 33.

(²) OJ No C 108, 10. 12. 1973, p. 51.

(³) OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 49.

(⁴) OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 26.

- (c) whereas it is to be feared that the creation of an economic and monetary union will, instead of helping to reduce these gaps, in certain cases increase them;
- (d) whereas also, at the present time, the general deceleration of economic growth will have repercussions in the least favoured regions in particular due especially to the decline in investment;
- (e) whereas the creation of the Fund should mark the existence, beyond all the declarations of intent, of a clear political will to remedy the under-development of the least favoured regions, as provided for in the Treaty.

I. The points of difference from the earlier Opinions of the European Parliament

(a) *Concentration of aid* (Article 2 of the Regulation on the Fund)

1. Believes that the *a priori* distribution of Community aid between all the Member States on the basis of percentages fixed in advance must not conflict with the repeated demands from the European Parliament that the resources available should be concentrated, at least in the initial stage, on a limited number of regions whose imbalances are most serious at Community level, and which are situated in the Member States with the lowest relative intervention capacity;

2. Hopes that under this distribution scheme 'provided for by the Commission' this in turn under the terms of the summit communiqué, the Commission has not limited its own powers of evaluation in this field;

(b) *The Community character of the provisions* (Articles 2 and 3 of the Regulation on the Fund)

3. Emphasizes that *a priori* allocation between all the Member States of the Fund allocation does not meet the requirements of a Community policy applied to the least favoured regions of the Community and after consideration of their needs;

4. Recalls that it has insisted that priorities should be established between the regions of the Community and not between the States, and that these priorities should be determined with reference to statistics on Community averages, not national averages;

5. Deplores the fact that the new texts refer to national priorities and may therefore appear to be a means of providing subsidies to Member States for their national development policies;

6. Demands that assistance from the Fund should not lead the Member States to reduce their national aid, which the Community aid should complement;

7. Takes note of the fact that the Commission may have some difficulties with regard to statistics in drawing up Community criteria; but that it is supposed to have used such criteria in its proposal for a Regulation on the list of regions eligible for aid from the Fund and that they were accepted by the European Parliament but not by the Council;

8. Considers that the statistical problems are not an adequate reason for the adoption of the principle of national priorities, and that reference to Community criteria is the only way of ensuring progress on the elaboration of statistical data for the purpose of comparison which would also be required for the launching of development programmes under a Community scheme;

(c) *Socio-cultural investments* (Article 4 (1) (b) of the Regulation on the Fund)

9. Considers that development should be seen as a whole and that it is consequently indispensable that programmes should tackle the underlying causes of imbalance which are social and human as well as economic;

10. Emphasizes that, whereas it is opposed to geographical dispersion of aid, it is in favour of assistance which is not solely limited to infrastructure installations directly connected with economic development;

11. Is convinced of the need for assistance to be given 'in close cooperation with the other Community instruments' towards socio-cultural, educational and vocational training facilities, which are expensive and do not immediately show profits, in order to guarantee the cohesion and effectiveness of development programmes;

(d) *Participation by local authorities* (Article 5 of the Decision on the Committee)

12. Recalls that it has already proposed that 'the Committee shall, in accordance with the provisions of its rules of procedure, take evidence from interested parties from the regions and from trade union and business organizations when a regional problem concerns them';

13. Considers that, as development is all-embracing, the population of the regions which are in difficulty must be made actively interested and involved in the process of development at all levels, through the intermediary of the democratically elected representatives;

14. Is convinced that such participation, by the regions concerned, in the elaboration and realization of development programmes is the only way of ensuring maximum effectiveness;

(e) *The permanent character of the Fund*

15. Considers that proper results can only be obtained by launching development programmes extending over long periods of time and embracing all the socio-economic structural elements of the region;

16. Therefore deplores the fact that the new texts do not clearly reaffirm the permanent character of the Fund after the three-year experimental period (according to the summit communiqué) and contains no indication of the need to progressively increase its volume at later stages;

17. Recommends that negotiations on the volume of the Fund after 1977 should not be subject to a delay which might hinder the operation of the Fund;

II. Conclusions

18. Notes that the provisions proposed are based on diverse national policies and still only amount to a policy of assistance to national regional policies;

19. Nevertheless, has decided not to propose any amendments in order to ensure that the Regional Development Fund may become operational as soon as possible, but emphasizes the reservations it has on the new regional policy proposals, which it will further consider;

20. Therefore requests the Commission to take into consideration its Opinions on the occasion of the reconsideration of the Regulation before 1 January 1978 — when the presentation of development programmes becomes obligatory, their cohesion and effectiveness will only be guaranteed if all development factors are taken into consideration and if local authorities take part in their elaboration and implementation;

21. Underlines the need to coordinate national regional policies and, after considering their objectives and results, readjust them since Community regional policy may on no account be the sum of national policies;

22. Recalls that, according to the opinion of the Committee on Budgets, the Fund should be allocated a total of 300m units of account from the financial year 1975 onwards and that this expenditure should come under the heading of non-compulsory expenditure;

23. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the transfer to the European Regional Development Fund of 150 million units of account held in reserve by the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the final communiqué of the conference of Heads of State or Government held in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974,
 - having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council on 17 February 1975 (Doc. 491/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the Opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 532/74),
1. Considers the Commission's proposal unsatisfactory as, although it makes 150 million units of account available for the Regional Development Fund, it also cuts down the annual appropriations — already subject to a ceiling — for the Guidance Section of the EAGGF, the amount for which was fixed by the statutory method in 1970;
 2. Admits that certain unused appropriations from the Guidance Section of the EAGGF may, pursuant to the Council resolution of 21 March 1972, be used for regional development measures; notes, however, that the appropriations held in reserve had occasioned a series of proposals for their utilization which now either have to be withdrawn or can no longer be properly implemented;
 3. Can only agree with substantial reservations to the new allocation of funds because it has no information on the criteria according to which the appropriations transferred from the Guidance Section of the EAGGF will be utilized;
 4. Expresses strong reservations at the transfer of 25 million units of account from the Mansholt Reserve to the Regional Development Fund, since this could set a dangerous precedent by encouraging subsequent transfers of funds earmarked for the improvement of agricultural structures to other Community policies;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(¹) OJ No C 35, 14. 2. 1975, p. 7.

RESOLUTION
on regional policy as regards the regions at the Community's internal frontiers

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 467/74),

1. Feels that for historical reasons the development of the regions at the Community's internal frontiers has been less favourable than would have been the case if the frontiers had not existed, since although these regions are mostly situated centrally in Europe, they constitute peripheral areas as regards the economy of the country to which they belong;

2. Notes the problems facing these regions, which above all concern the economy, transport, employment, health, education and cultural life, tourism and the protection of the natural environment;

3. Feels that trans-frontier cooperation between these regions is a basic condition for the solution of their problems;

4. Notes that the existing forms of cooperation have developed at local, regional or national level depending on the subject concerned and the degree of independence of the communities and regions in the various countries; that, in addition, international institutions, particularly the Council of Europe, have carried out valuable preparatory work for the continued development of this cooperation;

5. Is of the opinion that in its efforts to eliminate the difficulties encountered by frontier regions and to encourage cooperation between them the European Community is in a special position compared with local, regional and national authorities and other international organizations;

6. Feels that in view of this special position, the Community has an obligation to work with all the means at its disposal towards a solution to the problems of these regions;

7. Feels that until the Council adopts community measures of regional policy, the Commission should take the following steps;

(a) it should instruct the Statistical Office to draw up statistics on trans-frontier regions based on uniform criteria;

(b) it should assist with the preparation of economic studies of the regions which the regional authorities can use as a basis for the development plans they have to draw up; such activities might begin in regions such as Euregio, where there is already extensive cooperation;

(c) it should act as coordinator of the experience gained in cooperation between individual frontier regions;

(d) it should encourage cooperation on regional policy in all trans-frontier regions, particularly the Irish border area;

8. Hopes that the Community will, in particular, increase its efforts to solve problems connected with the mutual recognition of diplomas and with controls at internal frontiers: the continued existence of these difficulties affects in particular the inhabitants of frontier regions by obstructing their day-to-day life. The decision of the Heads of State or Government at the Paris conference of 9 and 10 December 1974 to create a common European passport is welcomed and its great importance for the inhabitants of border areas stressed;

9. Feels that the institutions created within the framework of a Community regional policy can be of fundamental importance for the elimination of the difficulties encountered by trans-frontier regions, that it will be above all for the Committee on regional policy provided for in the Commission's proposal to examine the development plans prepared by the regions and that the European Regional Development fund must be designed to support Community development projects in the trans-frontier regions whenever these conform to the criteria laid down;

10. Instructs its Committee on Regional Policy and Transport to continue its consideration of this matter and to submit shortly a comprehensive report on regional policy as regards the regions at the Community's internal frontiers, for the preparation of which the Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Legal Affairs Committee should deliver Opinions;
11. Also instructs its Committee on Regional Policy and Transport to submit a separate report on problems of the areas at the Community's external frontiers;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of the Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the economic situation in the Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the statement by the Commission of the European Communities on the economic situation,
- having regard to its resolutions of 13 March 1974, 15 May 1974 and 9 October 1974,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 518/74),

1. Approves on the whole the Commission's assessment of the economic situation in the Community, and particularly the Commission's demand for an honest appraisal of its inherent risks and of the sacrifices involved in the measures required to ensure gradual recovery;
2. Reaffirms that, in view of the disparities between Member States, present rates of inflation and unemployment in the Community, the highest recorded since its creation, seriously threaten the Community's integration and development;
3. Reaffirms strongly that, more than ever, the European Community could provide Member States with the most appropriate framework for dealing with the present crisis;
4. Stresses the need for more to be done to promote the free movement of goods within the Community so as to forestall any temptation to resort to protectionism and, particularly at the present juncture, calls for efforts to ensure the expansion and improvement of world trade;
5. Welcomes the adoption of a procedure for floating Community loans as well as the agreements recently reached in Zeist on the mobilization of gold reserves and in Washington on the recycling of petro-dollars; observes, however, that mastery of the problems raised by the recycling of capital, while highly desirable, cannot provide a lasting remedy;

6. Calls for vigilance in ensuring that neither the banking system nor any other economic sector is affected by any discrimination contrary to the spirit of the EEC Treaty or to the principles enunciated in the UN Charter;
7. Recalls that it is necessary, in order to ensure 'recovery against a background of stability':
 - that Member States with relatively high inflation rates and balance of payments deficits should endeavour to combat these difficulties, notably through an appropriate budgetary and credit policy, development projects and vocational training programmes,
 - that countries with relatively moderate inflation rates and balance of payments in equilibrium or in surplus should pursue a cautious and selective expansion policy such as would not give rise to further inflation;
8. Approves the intentions of the Community, i.e. limitation of consumption accompanied by investment incentives designed to bring about the necessary structural changes in our economy;
9. Notes that the problems associated with the current situation have never been more closely dependent for their solution on structural measures and therefore reiterates its appeal to Member States to adopt a genuinely Community economic policy through the creation of appropriate economic policy instruments;
10. Emphasizes that the maintenance of the viability and competitiveness of the European economy on the world market demands more than ever the implementation of a Community energy policy;
11. Feels that the threat to our economy posed by the present crisis cannot be met without the active support of the various social groups;
12. Urges, therefore, that the cost of the sacrifices to be made should be spread equitably; and supports to this end the Commission's projects for expanding aid from the Social Fund to cope with adjustments in employment;
13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the text of the oral explanatory statement to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for programmes of research and development actions in the field of energy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 2150 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 473/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 526/74),

1. Notes that the purpose of the present proposal is to enable a large part of intended research actions to be carried out, as desired by the European Parliament in different resolutions, especially in the resolution of 20 February 1975 on the communication from the Commission to the Council: 'Energy for Europe: research and development';
2. Believes nevertheless that these actions should not be limited to four years, but that they should be continued and developed before the expiration of the present programme; new proposals to continue and to develop this programme shall be presented by the Commission to the Council at least one year before the expiration of this programme;
3. Believes it to be necessary to develop existing Community structures for the organization of the activities referred to above, while carrying out indirect actions when possible in order fully to utilize recognized national research centres;
4. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
5. Requests its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission adopts the European Parliament's amendments to its proposal, and, if necessary, to report on the matter;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a resolution on the objectives of a common energy policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1960 fin.),
- having regard to its earlier resolutions on the need for a Community energy policy, particularly its resolution on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on a new energy policy strategy for the European Community (⁽¹⁾),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 524/74),

(¹) OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974.

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposals setting out guidelines for a Community energy policy designed to improve the security of supply;
2. Notes that the quantitative objectives laid down for the supply structure for 1975 to 1985 are based on a policy of voluntary action which would take account of the interests of the Community and so greatly reduce its dependence in the matter of energy;
3. Expects the Commission and the Council to indicate as soon as possible the ways and means of achieving these objectives;
4. Is convinced that these ways and means will need to have sufficient binding force if the supply structure is to be modified in this way;
5. Approves the proposal to restrict the growth rate of internal consumption to 3.5 % per annum instead of 5 % as originally planned, and stresses that this can only be done by concerted national and Community efforts;
6. Believes that a Community plan for economizing in energy and combating waste is required as a matter of urgency if this reduction in internal consumption is really to be achieved;
7. Emphasizes once again that the disparity in energy pricing systems within the Community and their frequently arbitrary nature constitute a major obstacle to the achievement of the proposed objectives and requests the Commission to submit to it proposals for harmonization in this sphere;
8. Considers that the Community should promote exploration for new hydrocarbon deposits in its territory and in geographically diverse areas, in order to reduce dependence on the present suppliers;
9. Believes that the development of nuclear energy on the scale envisaged by the Commission depends on the removal of a great many obstacles, one of the main ones being public ignorance on the subject;
10. Recalls its repeated requests that the Community's production of solid fuels should be not merely maintained at its present level but intensified;
11. Approves the Commission's proposal, subject to these observations, and asks the Commission to report to it at intervals on progress made towards achieving these objectives;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a resolution concerning a revised list of second-category pollutants to be studied as part of the Programme of Action on the Environment

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council in accordance with Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 404/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 514/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal, while relying on the technical competence of the experts consulted as regards the list of pollutants to be investigated;
 2. Requests the Commission to ensure that the investigations into the first and second categories of pollutants are rapidly carried out so that it can in the foreseeable future submit, in accordance with the provisions of the environmental programme, definite proposals in this sector;
 3. Points out that the list of second-category pollutants should not be regarded as closed, and therefore calls on the Commission to update it at regular intervals on the basis of the latest scientific findings;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(¹) OJ No C 157, 14. 12. 1974, p. 4.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision concluding the European convention for the protection of international watercourses against pollution

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 2029 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 471/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 516/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down special rules for the purchase of sugar beet

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 63 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 527/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 2/75),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the convention between the EEC and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries signed at Lomé on 28 February 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the political importance of the convention between the EEC and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries signed at Lomé on 28 February 1975,
1. Welcomes the successful conclusion of the Lomé convention which, on the basis of the experience gained under the Yaoundé convention, gives a new dimension to relations between the EEC and a large number of developing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific;
 2. Pays tribute to all the Contracting Parties and, in particular, the Commission of the European Communities and the Committee of Ambassadors and plenipotentiaries of the ACP for their open-minded attitude, their realism and their political resolve to reach an agreement based on respect for their mutual interests;
 3. Notes that the signature of the convention between the Member States of the EEC and the ACP is an expression of their solidarity, their interdependence and their desire to cooperate on an equitable basis acceptable to all;
 4. Notes that, by its breadth, content, and open nature, this convention constitutes a milestone in development cooperation policy inasmuch as, in addition to free access to Community markets and arrangements to promote ACP exports, it provides for a mechanism for stabilizing the revenues accruing from their principal export products and innovative formulas for industrial cooperation and financial and technical cooperation;

5. Notes also with satisfaction that the Contracting Parties have recognized the need for joint institutions, notably a consultative assembly representing the peoples of the EEC and the ACP countries;
6. Welcomes the fact that, with the signing of the convention, an agreement has also been reached between the EEC and the ACP countries on the setting up of an interim committee to prepare measures for the implementation in advance of the convention of provisions, dealing in particular with trade, which will be applied autonomously by the ACP countries and the EEC as from 1 July 1975;
7. Appeals to all the Contracting Parties to ensure that the convention is ratified as soon as possible, according to the respective procedures of each State, so as to permit the entry into force, at the earliest possible date, of all the convention's provisions, including those relating to financial, technical and industrial cooperation;
8. Instructs its committee to report to it as soon as possible on the content of the new EEC/ACP convention;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the appropriate bodies of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States concerned.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 as regards the conditions for the granting of aid for the private storage of Grana padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 504/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 519/74),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Invites the Commission to make sure that the reduction of the minimum prescribed age of the two cheeses does not lead to an impairment of their quality;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 45, 26. 2. 1975, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the elimination of technical barriers to trade, and in particular, the proposals for Directives on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to:

- safety belts and restraint systems and head-restraints of seats of motor vehicles,
- headlights for motor vehicles emitting an asymmetrical passing beam or a driving beam or both, and to incandescent electric lamps for such headlights,
- side lights, rear lights and stop lights for motor vehicles and their trailers,
- the rear-registration-plate illuminating device of motor vehicles and their trailers,
- towing hooks on motor vehicles,
- the roll-over protection structures of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors,
- the type-approval of motor cycles,
- alcoholometers and hydrometers for alcohol and alcohol tables,
- electromedical equipment and medical X-ray equipment operating at 10 to 400 kV,
- common provisions for constructional plant and equipment; the measurement of the sound level of constructional plant and equipment; the permissible sound level for pneumatic concrete-breakers and jackhammers,
- appliances using gaseous fuels, safety and control devices for these appliances and methods for inspecting these appliances and to appliances using gaseous fuels for the instanteneous production of hot water for sanitary purposes

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty,
- having regard to its resolution on the elimination of technical barriers to trade of 12 December 1974 (¹),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee, the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport and the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 517/74),
 1. Notes that in order to prevent further delays in the elimination of technical obstacles to trade, a more flexible procedure should be adopted which will also make provision for effective intervention and supervision by the Community institutions;
 2. Refers to the principles enunciated in its previous resolution (¹);
 3. Requests the Commission to incorporate in its proposals the following amendments, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the Treaty establishing the EEC, this being a condition of its approval of the Commission's proposals;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

(¹) OJ No C 5, 8. 1. 1975, p. 41.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision establishing a common procedure for the reciprocal exchange of information between the surveillance and monitoring networks based on data relating to atmospheric pollution by sulphur compounds and suspended particulates

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 405/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 515/74),
1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal as a useful initiative and in keeping with the action programme on the environment which announced the introduction of a procedure for the exchange of data relating to air pollution;
 2. Recommends that the Commission take steps to extend cooperation in this field to all countries of Europe;
 3. Calls on the Governments of the Member States to strengthen their cooperation with other States in this field;
 4. Considers the proposal unsatisfactory in that it merely provides for the collection of measurement results, and not for the standardization of measuring methods, and therefore calls for its scope to be widened to commit Member States to introduce standardization over a network of monitoring stations of sufficient density to produce significant results;
 5. Hopes that the collection of measurement results will be extended as soon as possible to atmospheric-pollution agents, other than sulphur compounds and suspended particulates;
 6. Urges the Commission to ensure that the data obtained from measurements taken from aircraft, balloons, ships and marine monitoring stations are also collected;
 7. Recommends that the Commission should press for the exchange of information to be extended to cover additional data, for example average measurements on a half-hourly basis and the maximum and minimum levels recorded by the monitoring stations;
 8. Takes the view that special efforts should be made to promote international cooperation in recording the movement of sulphur compounds and suspended particulates over long distances;
 9. Recommends that data be collected from the Member States on the incidence of disease, and compared with the results of the atmospheric-pollution measurements;
 10. Recommends the installation of automatic measuring equipment (recording instruments) subsidized if necessary by Community funds;
 11. Urges the Commission, in conjunction with this, to arrange for local meteorological readings to be taken at the atmospheric-pollution measuring stations;
 12. Hopes that the Commission will take steps to develop 'atmospheric-pollution climatology';

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 11, 16. 1. 1975, p. 1.

13. Considers it important to promote cooperation within the Community on atmospheric-pollution warning systems;
14. Calls on the Commission to take the necessary steps to implement the above suggestions;
15. Requests the parliamentary committee responsible to follow this matter closely and ascertain to what extent the Commission complies with the European Parliament's suggestions, and expects to be kept informed of the situation;
16. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation modifying Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70 relative to aids granted in the field of transport by railway, road and inland waterways

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 407/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 512/74),
 - recalling that, by virtue of Article 8 of the Council Decision of 13 May 1965 (²), provision has been made for the progressive harmonization of the provisions governing the financial relations between railway undertakings and States directed towards making such undertakings financially autonomous,
 - recognizing, however, that it is necessary to continue to permit Member States to grant certain financial support to railway undertakings within their programmes of activity and, during an interim period until equilibrium is achieved, also to give subsidies of equilibrium,
1. Considers that, in the light of the Council's 'agreement in principle' to the Decision of 11 December 1974 (³) on the improvement of the position of railway undertakings and the harmonization of the rules governing financial relations between such undertakings and States, the proposed Regulation is both desirable and necessary;
 2. Invites the Commission to adopt the following amendments pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

(¹) OJ No C 158, 17. 12. 1974, p. 19.

(²) OJ No 88, 24. 5. 1965, p. 1500/65.

(³) R/77/75 (TRAINS 6).

RESOLUTION

on the assessment of the activities of the Joint Research Centre from 1958 to 1972

The European Parliament,

— having regard to past resolutions on the position and development of the Joint Research Centre, which concerned in particular:

— the future of the Joint Research Centre and the setting up of a multiannual research and training programme ⁽¹⁾,

— the progress necessary in Community research and the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 89/74) for a revision of the multi-annual research programme ⁽²⁾,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 511/74),

1. Points out that it has been following the development of the Joint Research Centre for many years and has warned against allowing it to continue to exist without being assigned appropriate and clearly defined research projects;

2. Welcomes the fact that following the Council Decisions of 14 May and 18 June 1973, the Commission made provision for the staff required to allow the JRC to make a new start and submitted a programme capable of further development and extended to include the non-nuclear field;

3. Calls on the Council and Commission to ensure that the necessary materials, staff and finances are available so that the JRC may continue to work successfully;

4. Cautions against another failure in direct Community research since the European Parliament would then be faced with the difficulty of deciding whether further funds should be made available for the continued operation of the Joint Research Centre;

5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the committee's report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 112, 27. 10. 1972, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974, p. 85.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council containing new proposals for Decisions concerning the revision of the multi-annual research and training programme of the Joint Research Centre and new activities for the Petten establishment

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 2200 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 455/74),
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on Community research within the framework of the JRC and in particular that relating to the first proposals from the Commission to the Council concerning the revision of the multi-annual research programme ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 522/74),
1. Notes with satisfaction that, in accordance with a recommendation made many times by the European Parliament, the Commission has presented comprehensive and homogeneous proposals likely to provide systematic solutions to all the present problems of the Community research undertaken in the JRC;
 2. Recalls that it had already approved the multi-annual programme and the principle that it should be revised;
 3. Notes that the proposals for the revision of the multi-annual programme are essentially the same as the earlier proposals which it had approved;
 4. Stresses that it had itself already requested both the reassessment of the financial allocations for the programme and the inclusion of a specific allocation for the preparation of future programmes and therefore approves the relevant proposals;
 5. Welcomes the fact that the Commission's proposals provide in particular for the Petten establishment to be finally entrusted with the implementation of a research programme;
 6. Welcomes the setting up of a group of experts to ensure cooperation between the JRC and those sectors of industry and national research institutes particularly affected by these research projects, and hopes that such cooperation will enable significant and successful research results to be obtained;
 7. Considers that the setting up of an unallocated financial reserve in the research budget is a necessary development and will avoid the need in the future to have recourse to supplementary budgets;
 8. Expresses the hope that implementation of the Commission's proposals will give a new stimulus to Community research undertaken in the JRC.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C No 93, 7. 8. 1974, p. 85.

RESOLUTION

on the draft of amending and supplementary budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary draft of amending and supplementary budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1975 (COM(75) 20),
- having been informed of the exchanges of views which took place at the meeting between its delegation and the Council on 11 February 1975 and at the meeting of the Conciliation Committee on 4 March 1975,
- having regard to the draft amending and supplementary budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1975 drawn up by the Council (Doc. 530/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 533/74),

(a) Form of the expenditure shown in the draft budget

1. Emphasizes that the Regional Fund expenditure was classified as non-compulsory by the three institutions when considering the general budget for the financial year 1975; recalls, in this connection:
 - the views adopted by the Commission in the preliminary draft general budget for 1975;
 - the definition of compulsory expenditure given by the Council in the explanatory memorandum to the draft general budget for 1975;
 - the undertakings given by the Commission and the Council at the part-sessions in November and December 1974;
 - the amendment relating to the Regional Fund appropriations which it adopted at the November 1974 part-session and the reasons why it did not vote a similar amendment at the December part-session;
2. Therefore maintains, as does the Commission in the preliminary draft of the supplementary budget, that this expenditure should be classified as non-compulsory and points out that the Council cannot change this classification unilaterally;

(b) New rate of increase of non-compulsory expenditure

3. Requests that, in accordance with the proposal made by the Commission in the preliminary draft supplementary budget, a new rate of increase for non-compulsory expenditure should be fixed pursuant to the provisions of the fifth paragraph of Article 203 (8) of the EEC Treaty;
4. For the reasons given in the following paragraphs, is calculating this rate on the basis of 300 million units of account payment appropriations and not on the basis of 150 million units of account as proposed by the Commission;

(c) Amount of the expenditure to be entered in the budget for the Regional Fund

5. Considers that, as provided for by the summit conference on 9 and 10 December 1974 and in accordance with the position adopted by Parliament when considering the general budget, 300 million units of account should be made available for the Community's regional policy during 1975;
6. Therefore amends the amount of expenditure provided for in the supplementary budget so as to enter 300 million units of account in payment appropriations for the Regional Fund — with a consequent change in revenue;
7. Decides however that half of this sum should be entered under Chapter 98 'Non-allocated provisional appropriations' so that it can be drawn on when, in the Commission's opinion, it is needed for payments under the Regional Fund and recalls that the Commission itself had provided for payment appropriations of 650 million units of account in its preliminary draft general budget;

8. Considers that such an arrangement, by avoiding the need for another supplementary budget, will enable action to be taken more quickly following the review of the Fund which the Commission is to undertake in October 1975 at the Council's request;

(d) *Method of financing the Fund in the 1975 financial year*

9. Deplores — together with the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets — the fact that the Council is proposing an indirect method of financing by taking the 150 million units of account of payment appropriations for the Regional Fund from the reserves of the EAGGF Guidance Section;

10. While noting that this decision is the direct result of the guidelines given at the summit conference, expresses serious misgivings at the fact that the criteria according to which the appropriations taken from the EAGGF Guidance Section are to be used as part of the Regional Fund have not been brought to its notice; urges the Council actually to use a considerable proportion of these sums for measures to assist the most backward agricultural regions, as proposed by the Commission in the preliminary draft supplementary budget;

11. Supports the proposal made by the Commission in the preliminary draft supplementary budget to transfer the 50 million units of account in Article 833 'Priority regions' of the general budget for 1975 to Article 800 'Projects for improving the structure of agriculture' — and, since these appropriations no longer have any legal basis because the Commission has withdrawn its proposal on priority regions, amends the draft budget accordingly;

(e) *Other features of the draft budget*

12. Approves the correction proposed by the Council to enable appropriations to be allocated — by transfer from Chapter 99 — for the implementation of the 1975 research and training programme in respect of plutonium recycling in light-water reactors;

13. Notes with satisfaction that the Council has adopted its suggestion of adding nine category B posts and 18 category C posts to the Commission's establishment plan, which the Commission had asked for in view of the increased amount of administrative work in the Directorate-General for Regional Policy;

14. Asks the Council to take an early decision so that there are no further delays in launching the Community's regional policy;

15. Instructs its President to forward the amended draft budget, this resolution and the minutes of this sitting to the Council of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a third Directive on coordination of safeguards which, for the protection of members and others, are required by Member States of companies within the meaning of the second paragraph of Article 58 of the Treaty, in connection with mergers between 'sociétés anonymes'

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(72) 1668/fin.),
 - having regard to its opinion of 16 November 1972 on the Commission's original proposal (¹),
 - having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 154/73) and the supplementary report of the Legal Affairs Committee and Opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment on the amended proposal (Doc. 513/74),
1. Approves the Commission's amended proposal;
 2. Nevertheless invites the Commission, pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty, to adopt the following amendments;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(¹) OJ No C 129, 11. 12. 1972, p. 50.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on harmonization of the legislation of Member States on the retention of the rights and advantages of employees in the case of mergers, takeovers and amalgamations

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 149/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and to the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 385/74/rev.),
1. Is of the opinion that the rapidly growing trend towards amalgamations between undertakings creates the necessity at Community level to harmonize and preserve workers' entitlements and benefits;

(¹) OJ No C 104, 13. 9. 1974, p. 1.

2. Considers that the wide differences in national legislation in the field of labour law are a real obstacle to this aim;
3. Welcomes, therefore, the initiative of the Commission in attempting to deal with the question of the preservation of the rights and advantages of employees in the case of mergers, takeovers and amalgamations;
4. Approves the principle of automatic transfer of existing employment relationship and of consultation with the workers' representatives;
5. Doubts, while in general agreement with the aims of the Commission, whether the means are sufficient;
6. Urges the Commission to bring out a Directive on individual dismissals in addition to the one on mass dismissals;
7. Approves the Commission's proposal in general, but invites it to adopt the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty, and in drafting the final text of the Directive to take account of the observations contained in the explanatory statement;
8. Invites the Council, taking account also of the final communiqué of the Paris conference of Heads of State or Government of the countries of the enlarged Community in October 1972, to adopt the proposed Directive with all possible speed;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION
on the conference on security and cooperation in Europe (CSCE)

The European Parliament,

- welcoming all initiatives likely to ease tensions and improve cooperation between all States in Europe,
- taking note of the progress achieved so far in the conference on security and cooperation in Europe,
- desirous of establishing closer commercial, economic and industrial relations with the countries of Eastern Europe,
- considering that further progress is still required, particularly in the field of freer movement of people and ideas,
- reaffirming that the results of the CSCE may in no way inhibit the progress of the Nine towards European union,
- stressing, therefore, in the context of the principle of the inviolability of frontiers in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the right of individual Member States of the European Community to change their boundaries by peaceful means and to create a political entity (European union),

- considering that the documents to be approved in the final stages of the CSCE should be drawn up during the present stage,
 - expressing its satisfaction at the degree of political unity demonstrated by the nine Governments of the European Community in the CSCE negotiations, resulting in common policies and positions concerning the issues negotiated,
 - having regard to the report of its Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 485/74),
1. Urges the Governments of the nine Member States of the European Community, having due regard to the legal bases and objectives of the Rome and Paris Treaties:
 - to insist, in order that agreement may be reached in the second phase of the CSCE:
 - (a) that a greater balance should be achieved within the first, second and third committees;
 - (b) that, with that aim in view, further progress should be made in the first committee on questions relating to security in Europe and in the third committee on cooperation in humanitarian and cultural fields;
 - to ensure that any follow-up negotiations concerning issues for which competence has been transferred from the Member States to the Community are conducted by the Commission of the European Communities;
 2. Requests its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on a programme on radioactive waste management and storage

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 17 January 1973 on the establishment of Community structures for the permanent storage of radioactive waste ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽²⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 475/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinions of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 23/75),

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal, which represents an attempt to find a solution at Community level to the problems posed by radioactive wastes;
2. Agrees that commercial interests are of secondary importance in this area, and that the work in question has a public service nature;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 4, 14. 2. 1973, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 54, 6. 3. 1975, p. 29.

3. Regrets that, although the programme will be submitted for review at the end of two years, no provision has been made either for the renewal of the programme or for its extension at the end of its five-year period, and proposes an amendment to correct this omission;
4. Deplores the attitude of the Commission in asking for the European Parliament's Opinion at such short notice;
5. Notes that almost 10 years have passed since the European Parliament first demanded Community action in this field and that, in that period, the volume of radioactive waste in the Community has increased at a rate exceeding all estimates;
6. Hopes, therefore, that the programme will be followed by concrete proposals;
7. Approves the research projects chosen by the Commission and the financial contributions proposed;
8. Reminds the Commission of this Parliament's request made in 1973 for the setting up of a joint undertaking as provided for in the Euratom Treaty;
9. Emphasises once again the need for such a joint undertaking and provides for this in its proposed amendment;
10. Notes with approval that the Commission will take into account the activities of the international organizations to avoid duplication and that a Programme Management Committee will help coordinate the studies and projects;
11. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to Article 119, second paragraph, of the EAEC Treaty;
12. Requests its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission adopts the European Parliament's amendments to its proposal and, if necessary, to report to Parliament on the matter.

RESOLUTION

on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council:
‘Towards a Community nuclear fuel supply policy’

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1963 fin.),

- having regard to the Council resolution of 13 February 1975 on the means to be put in hand to achieve the Community energy policy objectives adopted by the Council on 17 December 1974 (¹),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 25/75),
1. Recalls its resolutions:
 - of 15 November 1971 on the proposal for amending Chapter VI of the Euratom Treaty (²),
 - of 12 October 1972 on means of securing adequate energy supplies to satisfy the Community's requirements and guarantee, promote and further improve the Community's competitiveness on the world market as a pre-requisite for economic growth, full employment and a forward-looking social policy (³),
 - of 23 April 1974 on the proposal for a resolution on the creation of European uranium enrichment capacities (⁴);
 2. Believes that the Commission communication can effectively help to improve the security of energy supplies;
 3. Nevertheless calls on the Council to consider at an early date the proposals for amending Chapter VI of the Euratom Treaty;
 4. Considers that commercial policy measures are essential to ensure adequate supplies of nuclear fuels;
 5. Hopes that everything in the Community's power will be done to ensure that the initial target for nuclear electricity production is achieved in good time, in so far as this is possible;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(¹) See Council press release No 175/75 (Press 21).

(²) OJ No C 124, 17. 12. 1971, p. 7.

(³) OJ No C 112, 27. 10. 1972, p. 32.

(⁴) OJ No C 55, 13. 5. 1974, p. 25.

RESOLUTION

**on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for two
Decisions on the measures to be taken in the event of oil supply difficulties**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1964 fin.),
- having regard to its previous resolutions on Community energy supplies and in particular the resolution on a Directive on measures to alleviate the effects of hydrocarbon supply difficulties (¹),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 26/75),

1. Recalls that the primary objective of a common energy policy should be to ensure the security of Community supplies and at the same time provide the Community with the means to overcome all supply difficulties;

(¹) OJ No C 37, 4. 6. 1973.

2. Deplores the fact that given the current state of Community energy policy, there is a serious risk of such difficulties arising;
3. Agrees with the Commission that in the event of oil supply difficulties in the Community, the unity of the common market must be maintained;
4. Considers that to this end, provision must immediately be made at Community level for adequate measures, particularly with regard to the restriction of energy consumption;
5. Stresses, however, that genuine coordination of the foreign policies of the Member States would facilitate the implementation of the measures proposed;
6. Considers that the different price systems of energy generating products in force in the Member States may lead, in a period of crisis, to imbalance in supplies between the Member States;
7. Approves the proposal that it should be the task of the Commission of the European Communities to bring the planned procedures into operation;
8. Regrets that the vagueness of the concepts 'supply difficulties' and 'slight shortfall in supplies', on the basis of which the measures are to be applied, detracts from the scope of the two proposals for Decisions;
9. Hopes that a text on price supervision in a period of difficult supply will be submitted very soon in order to avoid all speculation on supplies;
10. Requests the Commission and the Council to go beyond the stage of weak and piecemeal measures and finally start elaborating an overall energy policy;
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission
of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concerning support to common
projects for hydrocarbon exploration

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 415/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 3/75),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 18, 25. 1. 1975, p. 3.

1. Is of the opinion that support to common projects for hydrocarbon exploration may contribute to greater security of supplies in petroleum products by reducing the Community's dependence on external sources;
2. Notes that the world trend in energy prices may affect the problem of financing the search for new oil supplies and compel industry to develop new sources;
3. Considers it essential to take urgent steps to remedy the present situation of insecurity of oil supplies due to the Community's dependence on its present sources;
4. Calls for the institution of an overall Community strategy aimed at stimulating as soon as possible the prospection of new hydrocarbon resources while at the same time ensuring increased exploitation of known sources;
5. Questions whether the financial and taxation provisions applicable to undertakings in the field of hydrocarbon exploration are conducive to achieving the required rate of extraction;
6. Supports the Commission's proposal for encouraging deep-sea prospecting, where special difficulties and risks obtain, by granting such exploration more favourable treatment than applies to prospecting on land;
7. Considers that this Commission proposal is fully in line with action already undertaken by the Community and is aimed at going further and more directly towards achieving its objectives;
8. Considers that the criteria both for granting financial support and for repaying loans in the event of 'commercial success' are insufficiently precise and need to be clarified before presentation of the Commission proposal to the Council;
9. Considers moreover that in the event of commercial success any financial support granted should be repaid in full, including the interest accrued over the period during which the undertaking benefited from this support;
10. Requests that the Decision on the implementation of a three-year exploration programme and the Community financial commitment to it should only be taken after the European Parliament has been consulted;
11. Notes that common projects for hydrocarbon exploration are founded, as was previously requested, on Article 235 of the EEC Treaty, which affords them a legal basis;
12. Expresses concern at the continuing absence of a comprehensive system of control for monitoring and auditing the financial activities of the Community's institutions, and insists that the proposals for providing financial support for hydrocarbon exploration be linked to the establishment of a European Court of Auditors empowered to exercise detailed external auditing control;
13. Approves the Commission's proposal whilst urging it to adopt the following amendments, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty drawn up in accordance with the Council resolution of 21 January 1974 concerning a social action programme

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (SEC(74) 5225 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 466/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 4/75),
1. Approves the Commission's proposals and stresses their innovative nature at Community level;
 2. Feels that despite its limited scope, this programme may represent a first demonstration of Community solidarity *vis-à-vis* the underprivileged and fringe members of our society;
 3. Is of the opinion that the proposed programme will promote the study of new methods of combating poverty and the collection of information, particularly on the causes of poverty, with a view to elaborating future policies in this field;
 4. Approves the Commission's criteria for selecting schemes, priority being given to those having a particular Community interest;
 5. Regrets, however, that the programme has been submitted by the Commission in the form of a mere communication rather than a Council Decision, which would have made it easier for the European Parliament to ascertain the basic elements and put forward appropriate amendments where required;
 6. Urges the Council to approve the programme within the very near future, but requests that the Commission of the European Communities be entrusted with its implementation and administration;
 7. Asks the Council to release immediately the budgetary appropriations required to finance the programme for the 1975 financial year;
 8. Requests the Council, since certain schemes extend over a period of several years, to consider the possibility of extending the financing arrangements beyond 1976;
 9. Asks the Commission to add further projects to the present list, taking due account of their geographical spread and of whether they originate from regional or local public authorities;
 10. Requests the Commission to submit to the European Parliament and the Council a report on the results of the programme;
 11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION
on the situation of refugees in Indochina

The European Parliament,

- appalled by the scale of the human tragedy which has befallen the peoples of South Vietnam and Cambodia,
- moved by the plight of millions of men, women and children who are not responsible for the violence of a war so terribly reminiscent of the sufferings to which Europe was subjected 30 years ago,
- aware of the fact that international aid, and in particular that provided by the International Red Cross organization, covers only a very small part of the desperate needs of these peoples,

1. Asks the Commission of the European Communities to help relieve the distress of the refugees by providing substantial material aid as tangible evidence of the extent to which the people of the Community share the sufferings of the peoples of Indochina;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to ceramic articles intended to come into contact with food (limitation of extractable quantities of lead and cadmium)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 458/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 18/75),

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal as an essential component of a Community environmental protection policy;

2. Reiterates its basic demand that provisions for the harmonization of legislation in the field of environmental protection must take account primarily of human health requirements but also, with the limits laid down for the protection of health, of economic and technological requirements;

3. Approves the Commission's choice of Article 100 of the Treaty as the legal basis for its proposal and unreservedly supports the method of total harmonization on which the proposal for a Directive is based;

4. Rejects outright the negotiation of any compromise where human health is at stake, and stresses the need to choose the most stringent solution if the experts are unable to reach agreement;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 46, 27. 2. 1975, p. 1.

5. Calls upon the Commission therefore to lower the limit values proposed in Article 3 (1) sufficiently to ensure that no expert can harbour any justifiable doubts as to the harmlessness of the ceramic articles corresponding to these values;
6. Considers it indispensable for ceramic articles which come into contact with food to be clearly and unambiguously marked in such a way that the consumer is made aware of the possible risks involved in using these articles;
7. Requests the Commission to lay down a clear and simple system of marking;
8. Reiterates its long-standing demand that manufacturers be compelled to provide consumers with the necessary information at least in the languages of the country of destination;
9. Reaffirms the view it has always held that the procedure of the Committees on Implementing Provisions infringes on the Commission's responsibilities and therefore intends to establish its position definitively in the near future with a view to finding a satisfactory solution to the long-standing problem of the committee procedure;
10. Feels that it would both be realistic and take sufficient account of manufacturers' interests if the legal provisions of the Member States needed to comply with this Directive were published by 1 January 1976 and implemented from 1 July 1976;
11. Approves the testing conditions and methods of analysis laid down in the Annexes, relying in this connection on the expertise of the specialists consulted by the Commission;
12. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
13. Requests the committee responsible to check carefully whether the Commission of the European Communities changes its proposal in accordance with the European Parliaments' amendments and, if necessary, to report on this matter.

RESOLUTION
on the situation in Portugal

The European Parliament,

- recalling that the European Community has always closed the doors to any prospects of accession by the previous authoritarian régime in Portugal,
- having noted with satisfaction — in its capacity as representative of the peoples of Europe — the change in the political situation in Portugal which it considers should guarantee the Portuguese people — after 50 years of dictatorship — the full benefit of democratic rights and should provide in addition real opportunities for economic and social cooperation with the EEC, and may even offer positive prospects for the process of decolonization under the Lomé convention,

1. Notes with concern certain negative features in the evolution of democracy in Portugal to which attention has repeatedly been drawn by Portuguese democratic circles;

.. Therefore appeals urgently to all democrats and to the competent authorities in Portugal to ensure that at the forthcoming elections to the Constituent Assembly the entire population is allowed to participate freely, all citizens are assured fundamental democratic rights and the will of the people is respected;

3. Stresses the influence which a positive democratic evolution in Portugal, based on free consultation of the people, might have on developments in European cooperation and even on the process of *détente* in Europe;

4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the draft annual accounts of the European Parliament for the 1974 financial year
(1 January to 31 December 1974)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 58/75),

1. Points out that:

- (a) the appropriations available for the 1974 financial year amounted to 33 249 783 units of account of which 13 400 units of account had been carried forward from the 1973 financial year to the 1974 financial year, pursuant to Article 6 (1) (b) of the Financial Regulation;
- (b) 1 597 465·12 units of account had automatically been carried forward from the 1973 financial year to the 1974 financial year pursuant to Article 6 (1) (c) of the Financial Regulation;

2. Notes:

- (a) that the commitments of expenditure entered into up to 31 December 1974 for the 1974 financial year amount to 32 210 293·40 units of account;
- (b) that the payments made in respect of the 1974 financial year by 31 December 1974 amount to 29 315 181·38 units of account;
- (c) that the sums still unpaid at the close of the 1974 financial year amount to 2 895 112·02 units of account;
- (d) that the corresponding appropriations are automatically carried forward pursuant to Article 6 (1) (c) of the Financial Regulation;

3. Decides that:

- (a) the unused appropriations of 171 122·02 units of account automatically carried forward from the financial year 1973 to 1974 shall be cancelled pursuant to Article 202 of the EEC Treaty;
- (b) the unused available appropriations for 1974 amounting to 1 026 089·60 units of account shall be cancelled;

4. Defers its final decision on the discharge in respect of the 1974 financial year (to be taken pursuant to Rule 50A (2) and (3) of the Rules of Procedure) until the accounts have been checked by the audit bodies of the Community under the conditions laid down in the Treaty;

5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the draft amending and supplementary budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1975, considered by the Council on 21 April 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary draft amending and supplementary budget No 1 of the European Communities for the financial year 1975 submitted by the Commission of the European Communities (COM(75) 20),
- having regard to the draft amending and supplementary budget No 1 drawn up by the Council (Doc. 530/74),
- on the basis of its deliberations of 8 April 1975 (Doc. 533/74),
- having regard to the Council's letter of 22 April 1975 (Doc. 51/75),
- having regard to the meeting of its delegation with the Council on 4 March and 15 and 22 April 1975,
- on the basis of its deliberations of 29 April 1975,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 54/75),

1. Emphatically and formally reiterates its belief that the budgetary powers at present vested in the European Parliament are indispensable to the further growth of democracy in the European Communities and therefore resolutely opposes the Council's attempt to revoke, by a unilateral decision, these powers of the Parliament which are laid down in the Treaties;

2. Notes that, in its letter of 22 April 1975, the Council:

- (a) stated that it was prepared to regard the expenditure for the Regional Fund after 1978 as non-compulsory expenditure,
- (b) undertook to review the position in regard to the 150 million units of account included in the budget for payment authorizations 'should these appropriations be insufficient',
- (c) expressed the view that the question of the transfer of 50 million units of account proposed by Parliament in its draft amendment No 2 'should be dealt with within the context of the procedure usually adopted for the transfer of appropriations';

3. Finds that it cannot agree with the Council's classification of Regional Fund expenditure, and reiterates its view that this expenditure is of a non-compulsory nature;

4. Points out furthermore that, in complete agreement with the Commission, it has always held this view and recalls that the Regulation on the setting up of a European Regional Development Fund is based on Article 235 of the EEC Treaty;

5. States that it is resolutely determined that the Regional Fund should be activated at the earliest possible date and therefore raises no further objections to the Council's decisions on Chapter 55 'European Regional Development Fund — Payments' ;

6. Stresses once again that it does not intend to change the Fund's overall financial endowment of 1·3 thousand million units of account for 1975, 1976 and 1977;

7. Finds that this results in a total of 152 129 416 units of account for amending and supplementary budget No 1, so that the rate of increase for non-compulsory expenditure is thus fixed at 40·88% ;

8. Accordingly adopts amending and supplementary budget No 1;

9. Requests its President to declare that the procedure has been completed and the budget finally adopted pursuant to Article 203 (7) EEC, and instructs him to publish it in the 'Legislation' series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities*;

10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

RESOLUTION

on the draft of the second supplementary budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary draft of the second supplementary and amending budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1975 (COM(75) 59),
- having regard to the draft of the second supplementary budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1975 (Doc. 52/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 55/75),

(a) *Nature of the expenditure shown in the draft budget*

1. Points out that there has been no conciliation between the Council and Parliament on the classification of the expenditure under the second supplementary budget; believes, however, that in view of the exceptional, urgent and humanitarian nature of this expenditure, which moreover forms the subject of an international agreement signed by the Community, this budget should be adopted forthwith;

(b) *Amount of expenditure shown in the draft budget*

2. Approves the amount and purpose of the appropriations shown in the draft budget;

(c) *Adoption of the budget*

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft of the second supplementary budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1975 (Doc. 52/75),
- having regard to its debate of 29 April 1975,

1. Finds that the procedure set out in Article 203 of the EEC Treaty, Article 177 of the Euratom Treaty, and Article 78 of the ECSC Treaty has been completed;

2. In the light of its vote, and pursuant to paragraph 6 of Article 203 of the EEC Treaty, Article 177 of the Euratom Treaty and Article 78 of the ECSC Treaty, accordingly adopts the second supplementary budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1975;

3. Requests its President to declare the procedure has been completed and the budget finally adopted, pursuant to Article 203 (7) EEC, and instructs him to publish it in the 'Legislation' series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on equality of treatment between men and women workers (access to employment, to vocational training, to promotion, and as regards working conditions)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 36 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 520/74),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 24/75),
1. Welcomes the initiative of the Commission on this point;
 2. Notes that women now form about 35% of the labour force in the European Community, that the proportion of married women in employment is increasing and that, since more women are now marrying at a younger age, married women are now available for employment over 20 to 30 years;
 3. Notes with regret that women are still concentrated in low paid unskilled and semi-skilled jobs;
 4. Emphasizes the importance of better career guidance and vocational training as a means of encouraging women to take up employment in a wider range of jobs;
 5. Emphasizes the need for effective legislation as a spur to changing attitudes in regard to the promotion and responsibilities given to women;
 6. Emphasizes that maternity, an essential human function, should also be regarded as a vital social function, not as an automatic bar to women's employment or promotion. The choice of a return to work by women with young children should be made more widely available through the better provision of financial aid and child-care facilities, and by the protection of the rights acquired by employment;
 7. Welcomes the proposed initiative on equal treatment in social security provision, but draws attention to the fact that this implies a review of social security systems, noting that low wages, frequently due to the classification of their jobs, constitute disadvantages to women and may entail problems of low pensions;
 8. Recognizing that prejudices are often based on a lack of objective and statistical information, calls for the foundation of an information and documentation centre for women as a means of collating and disseminating information about their rights in employment;
 9. Is aware of the necessity, in achieving the object of this draft Directive, of informing employees and employers of their rights and obligations;
 10. Urges that more firms should be encouraged to institute part-time and flexible-time working systems which take account of the responsibilities, availability, and convenience of workers;
 11. Draws attention to the fact that the European institutions themselves provide a classic example of discrimination against women in upgrading and promotion, and hopes that immediate steps will be taken to improve the position of women working in these institutions;
 12. Recognizes that the effectiveness of the proposed Directive will depend not only on legislative but also on administrative and procedural measures and sanctions;
 13. Requests the Commission to establish a system of continuous monitoring of progress in the Member States in regard to the implementation of this Directive;
 14. Requests its appropriate committee to continue to study this matter, and if necessary to report to Parliament on this matter again;
 15. Invites the Commission of the European Communities to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of pesticides

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 460/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 16/75),
1. Approves the Directive with the following amendments and observations;
 2. Invites the Commission to submit as soon as possible further proposals designed to control the use and distribution of pesticides as a natural follow-up to the proposal for a Directive under consideration;
 3. Welcomes the fact that this Directive, like all others closely related to public health and the environment, has been drawn up by the Commission with a view to total harmonization;
 4. Requests the Commission to keep constantly up to date the list of toxic and harmful substances used in the manufacture of pesticides as well as the list of pure pesticides;
 5. Urges that packaging for pesticides should bear a legible and indelible warning against further use, and indicate a possible specific or general antidote;
 6. Stresses also the need for labels on dangerous preparations to be in the national language or languages of the importing country, with particular reference to the need to exercise caution;
 7. Considers it essential that labelling on pesticides should be required to give indications of their toxicity or harmfulness to bees, fish and game that form part of agricultural production as well as insectivorous birds which play so useful a role in preserving the ecological balance of the natural environment;
 8. Invites the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 40, 20. 2. 1975, p. 30.

RESOLUTION
on the Community's overall development cooperation policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the resolutions and to the recommendation of the Council on development cooperation on a world scale (⁽¹⁾),
 - having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council on development aid (Doc. 430/74),
 - having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council on the harmonization and coordination of development cooperation policies within the Community (COM(75) 94 fin.),
 - having regard to the memorandum from the Commission to the Council concerning the various forms of Community development aid agreed upon, being negotiated or at Commission proposal stage and their estimated cost (COM(74) 800 fin.),
 - having regard to its resolution of 4 July 1972 on the memorandum from the Commission on a Community cooperation and development policy (⁽²⁾),
1. Considers that the resolutions and recommendation adopted by the Council can form a proper basis for a future Community development policy;
 2. Requests the Commission and the Council respectively to elaborate proposals and adopt decisions to broaden still further the scope of the Community's development cooperation policy;
 3. Stresses that, with regard to its geographical distribution, aid should be granted first and foremost where it is most required; such aid should however also be granted on the basis of the following criteria:
 - the capacity to make effective use of increased aid,
 - the assent of the recipient country to endeavour to ensure that all strata of the population can benefit to a greater extent from the advantages of progress,
 - the amount of aid received by such countries from other sources, and further stresses that the Community and the Member States, in granting aid to developing countries, should on no account interfere in the internal political affairs of such countries;
 4. Considers it essential if a Community development policy is to be brought into being to bear in mind the possible repercussions on other sectors of Community policy of each measure to be taken;
 5. Recommends that consideration be given to the taking of compensatory measures for restructuring those regions and sectors of the EEC experiencing the greatest repercussions from the development policy carried out by the Community and the Member States;
 6. Believes that only if the public is properly informed and appreciates what is involved will it be possible to pursue a development cooperation policy which has the support of the whole population in all the partner countries — a prerequisite for success;
 7. Repeats that for this purpose it is also necessary to maintain continuous consultation with the social partners — both employees' and employers' organizations or other professional organizations;
 8. Stresses the necessity to lay down priorities for Community action on the basis of the data provided in the Commission communication on development aid, with particular regard to:
 - improving generalized preferences,
 - increasing technical assistance for sales promotion,

(¹) Bulletin of the European Communities 7/8, 1974.

(²) OJ No C 82, 26. 7. 1972.

- extending industrial, scientific and technological cooperation,
- encouraging the conclusion of international agreements on raw materials,
- increasing financial cooperation,

and also underlines the need for broader measures on more of a Community basis to resolve the food problem;

9. Asks the Commission to carry out a detailed evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the Community generalized preferences scheme in promoting exports from the developing countries benefiting from them and also asks the Council and the Commission to give consideration to the abolition of non-tariff obstacles to trade;

10. Hopes that the stabilization fund to be set up under the new EEC/ACP Association Agreement will be a useful and constructive experiment in the area of primary commodities;

11. Believes that the severe famine in some parts of the world necessitates rapid establishment of the Community food aid programme for 1975 and its intensification according to needs;

12. Stresses the need to encourage agricultural investment in the developing countries, to expand supporting services for farmers and to use technological methods than can be adopted to the socio-economic conditions in these countries;

13. Hopes that the European Community will gradually succeed in consolidating its development cooperation policy;

14. Stresses also the value and importance of bilateral contributions from Member States, which have proved their worth;

15. Underlines the need to harmonize and coordinate Member States' bilateral policies with the Community's development cooperation policy, to ensure a better prepared and more effective development policy on the part of the Community and the Member States;

16. Stresses the necessity of incorporating in the budget financial resources for non-governmental measures to supplement EDF initiatives, and asks the Commission to submit proposals on this as soon as possible;

17. Notes that, apart from the appropriations entered under the European Development Fund for the financial year 1975, all the appropriations concerning development cooperation have been included in a single title of the budget and that this lends clarity to Community efforts in this field;

18. Welcomes the Council's intention to react favourably to requests for aid from developing countries in the process of setting up or consolidating machinery for economic cooperation or regional integration;

19. Asks the Council and the Commission to allot a specific amount for financial and technical aid to non-associated developing countries and taking account of the Community's capacity and of the needs of the non-associated developing countries;

20. Also emphasizes that the overall cooperation policy should in no way detract from the pursuit and development of cooperation with the ACP countries, with whom an agreement has recently been concluded, and which include a number of the world's poorest countries;

21. Urges that the Community as such play an active and constructive part in current work within the United Nations on the definition of a new economic order;

22. Asks the Commission to make new specific proposals for an overall Community development policy in line with the above observations as soon as possible;
23. Instructs its appropriate committees to keep a check on Council and Commission activities in this field and to report on them in due course;
24. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation establishing the general rules concerning the supply of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1975 programme

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 98 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 19/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 50/75),
 - having regard to the fact that the food situation in certain areas of the world has further deteriorated,
 - having regard to earlier resolutions and reports,
1. Approves the Commission's proposal to make 43 600 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder available to developing countries and international organizations as food aid under the 1975 programme;
 2. Agrees also that of the 43 600 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder a reserve of 4 500 metric tons should be constituted to be used in cases of disaster in 1975; is also convinced that in certain cases the use of this reserve could alleviate or help to overcome emergencies;
 3. Agrees with the Commission that if the Community's stocks of skimmed-milk powder are insufficient, the extra quantity needed should be obtained on the Community market;
 4. Calls upon the Commission, however, to ensure that any purchases which may be necessary do not disturb the Community market;
 5. Takes the view that a system of tenders should be laid down for the procurement of the skimmed-milk powder, in order to obtain supplies at the most favourable price; if this is not possible, particularly in cases of urgent need, a non-bureaucratic method should be adopted to ensure the delivery of supplies in a rapid and flexible manner;
 6. Calls upon the Commission to ensure that the skimmed-milk powder is delivered to its destination so that help actually reaches the persons in need;
 7. Agrees that when the aid programme for skimmed-milk powder is drawn up emphasis should be placed on particularly needy areas, e.g. the Indian sub-continent, the Sahel zone and the poorest countries of East Africa;

8. Regards aid to Asia as particularly important, because it is there that the largest food deficit has occurred since 1974;
9. Regrets that the requests received so far greatly exceed the quantities available, and therefore calls upon the Council to maintain the proposed appropriations for 72 000 metric tons in the 1975 budget;
10. Points out that the question of increasing the amount to 72 000 metric tons must be re-examined in the context of the discussions soon to take place in the Council on the execution of the World Food Conference's resolution, especially as the shortage of protein in developing countries is posing a particularly acute problem;
11. Is of the opinion that discussions must be held with the World Food Programme (WFP) and FAO in order to achieve better coordination of the Community's direct measures and the measures planned and carried out by those organizations;
12. Considers it important, also, to make a comprehensive appraisal of the world food situation and to draw up in cooperation with the WFP and FAO an international food aid plan;
13. Takes this opportunity of pointing out that in addition to the association policy a global development aid policy and food-aid programme for non-associated countries are of the greatest importance, because a stable economy cannot be achieved in the developing countries unless the population is properly fed;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the WFP and FAO.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Directive amending Directives No 64/432/EEC, No 64/433/EEC, No 71/118/EEC, No 72/461/EEC and No 72/462/EEC as regards the procedures of the Standing Veterinary Committee
- II. a Decision amending Decision No 73/88/EEC as regards the procedures of the Standing Veterinary Committee

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 76 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 8/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 47/75),
1. Is firmly opposed to any extension or consolidation of the existing arrangements, under which the Council may reject measures proposed by the Commission in the veterinary field by a simple majority, thus blocking the Community legislative process;

2. Can approve the Commission's proposals only on condition that, as it has consistently advocated for many years, the procedures of the Committees on Implementing Provisions are replaced by those applicable in the management committees;
3. Calls on the Council to establish the working procedures of the Standing Veterinary Committee on a permanent basis and in the manner approved by the European Parliament.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation fixing the market target price and the intervention price for olive oil for the 1975/76 marketing year

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 20/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture, and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 57/75),
1. Urges the Commission to submit further proposals on the system for fixing a common price for oil producers as soon as possible, in accordance with the European Parliament's repeated requests;
 2. Approves, however, the fixing of the market target price and the intervention price at the level proposed by the Commission for the 1975/76 marketing year;
 3. Greatly regrets that the Commission of the European Communities has not accompanied this proposal by an analysis of the state of the olive-oil market.

(¹) OJ No C 78, 9. 4. 1975, p. 1.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1059/69 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 7/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 44/75),
1. Approves the proposal from the Commission in principle;
 2. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendment in its proposal, pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty.

(¹) OJ No C 68, 25. 3. 1975, p. 8.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on certain agricultural products

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 153 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 48/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 56/75),
1. Approves the aim of this proposal;
 2. Stresses the need to compile Community statistics on the subject to enable the Commission to assess more accurately developments in the market for the agricultural products concerned;
 3. Invites the Commission, with a view to bringing about a much-needed increase in the supply of certain agricultural products little produced within the Community, from now on to employ in the first place the instrument of generalized preferences and negotiations within the framework of GATT with regard to exports of these products from developing countries, and also to take account of the interests of the processing industry in those countries;
 4. Reiterates its view that it would be advisable to abolish, in due course, autonomous duties on products produced in insignificant quantity within the Community.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the reduction of water pollution caused by wood-pulp mills in the Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 2256 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 472/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 28/75),
1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal as a first step towards the control of environmental pollution caused by specific branches of industry;
 2. Regrets that this proposal was only published on 14 January 1975, despite the assurance given in the environmental action programme that it would be submitted by 1 July 1974;
 3. Regrets the fact that this proposal is confined to water pollution, and requests the Commission to submit proposals as soon as possible on soil and air pollution by the wood-pulp industry;
 4. Shares the Commission's view that certain derogations may be permitted for a limited period provided that they do not result in an appreciable deterioration in the quality of the water which receives the discharge, but at the same time urges the Commission to exercise strict control over these derogations;
 5. Urges the Commission to take into account, when applying the 'polluter pays' principle, the possible economic and social consequences, especially for small or old undertakings;
 6. Asks the Commission, therefore, to submit to the Council as soon as possible a communication on support for wood-pulp mills;
 7. Requests the Commission to begin, at an early date, a Community-wide study on research and development in the field of techniques to reduce pollution caused by wood-pulp mills;
 8. Confirms its position on the procedure of the Committees on Implementing Provisions which encroaches on the Commission's responsibilities, and intends to establish its position on this matter definitively in the near future.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal for the amendment of the Statute of the European Investment Bank

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Government of the Netherlands (R/307/75),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 236 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 502/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 59/75),
1. Approves the proposal from the Government of the Netherlands;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of the committee to the Council of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the initial list of requests to carry forward appropriations from the financial year 1974 to the financial year 1975 (appropriations not carried forward automatically)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list submitted by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 127),
 - having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Article 6 (2) of the financial regulation of the European Communities (Doc. 40/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 80/75),
1. Considers that decisions to carry forward appropriations should be of an exceptional character because, on the one hand, they are prejudicial to budgetary transparency and, on the other hand, they tend to indicate that budgetary estimates were too imprecise;
 2. Notes with satisfaction the additional information provided by the Commission on the main operations in response to Parliament's request in the resolution ⁽¹⁾ on last year's request for the non-automatic carrying forward of appropriations;
 3. Approves this initial request for the carrying forward of appropriations and asks the Council to consider them as early as possible, recognizing that these appropriations relate in certain instances to needs indicated by Parliament, in the exercise of its budgetary powers, when examining the annual budget.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 85, 18. 7. 1974.

RESOLUTION

on the eleventh report of the Mines Safety and Health Commission and the fifth report of the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the eleventh report of the Mines Safety and Health Commission and the fifth report of the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 78/75),
 - considering that the renewed increase in the importance of coal mining as a source of energy will lead to a rise in the number of workers in the coal sector,
1. Notes with satisfaction that in 1973 the number of fatal accidents showed a further decrease in both the coal-mining industry and the iron and steel industry;
 2. Regrets, however, that the non-fatal accident rate is tending to rise in these two sectors;
 3. Regrets that, during the period under review, the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission has apparently done nothing and the Mines Safety and Health Commission very little in connection with the protection of the health of the workers concerned;

 4. Urges both commissions to investigate the extent to which sound training of workers and information campaigns using brochures, slide shows, films and other methods could contribute to the improvement of industrial safety;
 5. Urges both commissions to base their choice of investigations to be undertaken solely on their value for the safety and health of the workers concerned;

With regard to the activities of the Mines Safety and Health Commission:

6. Wonders whether the priorities governing the selection of topics to be studied are correct and requests the Mines Safety and Health Commission to consider whether priority should not be given to the investigation of the following:
 - (a) prevention of dust formation,
 - (b) training and instruction of all workers,
 - (c) consequences of mechanization;
7. Urges those responsible in the Mines Safety and Health Commission to take steps to ensure that an increase in the maximum permissible CH₄ concentrations does not lead to a deterioration in the protection of the health and safety of the workers concerned;
8. Regrets that various working parties have not been able to meet owing to a shortage of staff in the Secretariat and urges the Commission of the European Communities to take the measures necessary for a definitive solution of this problem;

With regard to the activities of the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission:

9. Hopes that the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission will provide a full and clear description of the activities of the various working parties in its future reports;

10. Notes with satisfaction the useful activities of the Working Party on Safety—Oxygen and the Working Party on the use of Explosives in the Blast Furnace;
11. Regrets that the shortage of staff in the Secretariat has prevented the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission from disseminating quickly and on a wide scale the information it has collected on safety in the iron and steel industry despite the ever-increasing need for such information.
12. Notes with surprise that the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission has not yet been able to draw up a programme for the future;
13. Urges that consideration should be given to the possibility of setting up a working party on psychological and sociological working conditions;
14. Wonders whether the working methods of the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission should not be improved to give workers more direct benefit from the results achieved;
15. Recalls moreover its previous resolutions on the annual reports of the Mines Safety and Health Commission and the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission, which had the dual objective of achieving real safety and a pertinent policy on health protection;
16. Requests its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission, the Mines Safety and Health Commission and the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission take account of the wishes expressed in this resolution and, if necessary, to report on this matter;
17. Requests its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Member States' ministers responsible for safety and health in the mining and iron and steel industries.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on intervention by the European Social Fund to encourage structural adjustment measures

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 126 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 73/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 74/75),

1. Once again expresses its deep regret that under the European Social Fund as at present constituted the Commission is unable to take the initiative to achieve intervention by the Fund as regards the application of Article 4 of the basic Decision;
2. Considers that, in accordance with the indications given by the Paris summit conference in December 1974, the Commission should take vigorous and coordinated action as soon as possible to deal with the problem of unemployment in view of the deterioration of the situation and the constant increase in the number of unemployed, and that it should refer the proposals on this matter to the European Parliament;
3. Approves, therefore, the Commission's proposal since it represents a first step towards increasing the possibilities of ESF intervention;

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4. Feels, however, that the proposal does not meet present requirements, particularly as no supplementary budget appropriation is proposed for the 1975 financial year, and that it should therefore be supplemented by other measures and supplementary appropriations provided for 1975;
 5. Deplores, moreover, the fact that the Commission has not submitted any proposals for supplementing the incomes of the unemployed while they are being retrained and urges it to do so as soon as possible;
 6. Wonders whether the Commission's policy option, consisting in facilitating the movement of manpower from crisis sectors to activities linked with the restructuring of the energy sector and priority Community needs as well as to development activities (see Article 1 (2) of the proposal) is not too restrictive, and whether it would not be preferable, particularly where the re-employment of women and young people is concerned, to facilitate the movement of manpower to sectors likely to provide work for the unemployed;
 7. Invites the Council to adopt this proposal¹ for a Decision and the request for the carrying forward of 52 million units of account unused in 1974 from the financial year 1974 to the financial year 1975 at the earliest possible date.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision concerning a programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 172 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 76/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 77/75),
1. Refers to its previous report on the Commission's programme in this field (Doc. 4/75);
 2. Approves the Commission's amended proposal and notes with satisfaction that the Commission has followed Parliament's recommendation to submit to the Council a proposal for a Decision, pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty, and thus give its programme a more binding legal form;
 3. Further notes with satisfaction that Article 6 of this proposal for a Decision envisages the submission of a report to the Council and the European Parliament on the implementation of the programme and the results obtained;
 4. Again requests the Council to review the progress of the programme during 1976 with a view to ensuring that any necessary funds are provided for the following years;
 5. Invites the Council of Ministers of Social Affairs to do its utmost to adopt this proposal for a Decision at its meeting in June.

RESOLUTION
on the information programme and the complementary information programme for 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the information programme and the complementary information programme for 1975 (SEC(75) 200 fin. and SEC(75) 1084 fin.),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 45/75),
1. Appreciates the effort made by the Commission to present at very short notice a detailed information programme and complementary information programme including new actions;
 2. Approves the Commission's idea of reaching the public directly while continuing to develop relations with major information organs and organized movements;
 3. Considers that the various methods which the Commission intends to use will provide the citizens of Member States and particularly young people with practical knowledge of a Community on which they have little or inaccurate information;
 4. Takes the view that some of the mobile exhibitions should be of a more specialized nature adapted to the principal activities of the regions where they are to be organized;

 5. Emphasizes that information intended for different sectors of the population should be presented differently and, in particular, that information intended for members of national parliaments should be set out on cards giving summaries of basic documents;
 6. Takes the view that the various information services of the institutions should cooperate as closely as possible and, in particular, that the services of the Commission and the European Parliament could carry out joint information projects on certain subjects of particular interest to the two institutions;
 7. Considers that the Commission should be able to use the appropriations available to it in a flexible manner and, in particular, to launch an experimental exchange programme for young people, teachers and other persons, to enable citizens of Member States to get to know one another better and to become aware that they belong to a Community;
 8. Hopes that the Commission will be able to make and collect recordings and television films on Community subjects for regular radio and television broadcasts and asks it to make the necessary contacts with the officials responsible for the various national television networks and for Eurovision; also requests the Commission to recruit sufficient numbers of qualified staff in this sector;
 9. Considers that the Commission should not confine itself to providing information on the Community, but that it should concern itself with the impact of its information on the public and with the public image of the Community institutions;
 10. Instructs the committee responsible to keep the implementation of the Commission's programme under scrutiny;
 11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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- noting that the Permanent Commission of Eurocontrol will hold a meeting in Brussels on 14 May 1975 to consider a report by the Study Group that was commissioned by them in 1974 which could propose a significant cutback in the work of Eurocontrol,
 - 1. Urges the Council of Ministers to consider any specific proposals concerning the future role of Eurocontrol in the context of the 'Commission's communication to the Council on the development of the common transport policy (Doc. 226/73),
 - 2. Expresses its concern at reports of possible cutbacks in Eurocontrol and calls upon the Governments of the Member States of Eurocontrol to ensure that organization retains its capacity in the future to carry out its important work;
 - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.
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RESOLUTION

on the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel

The European Parliament,

- having noted the signing of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel,
- having further noted that this Agreement will come into force one month after the exchange of instruments of ratification between the two Contracting Parties and hence, in principle, on 1 July 1975,
- having been informed of the substance of this Agreement through its competent committees on 29 April 1975,
- reserving the right to express its opinion subsequently on all aspects of the Agreement,
- recalling its previous resolutions on relations between the Community and the State of Israel, and particularly that of 25 March 1965⁽¹⁾,

1. Welcomes the conclusion of negotiations which have led to a formal Agreement between the Community and the State of Israel;
2. Emphasizes that this Agreement confirms the Community's desire to strengthen, further its ties with the countries of the Mediterranean Basin;
3. Notes with satisfaction that the Agreement contains a future adjustments clause allowing for dynamic interpretation of relations between the Community and the State of Israel and for financial and technological cooperation;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 62, 12. 4. 1965, p. 917/65.

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4. Believes that, at the proper time, appropriate and regular contacts could be established between Members of the Israeli Parliament and the European Parliament with a view to facilitating the adjustment of the Agreement and of relations between the Community and the State of Israel;
 5. Instructs its competent committees to pursue their discussions on all the aspects of the Agreement and, if the need arises, to report to it;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation establishing general rules concerning the supply of milk fats as food aid under the 1975 programme to certain developing countries and international agencies

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 62/75),
 - having regard to the report of its Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 101/75),
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1. Approves the proposal that butter or butteroil equivalent to an amount of 43 400 metric tons of butteroil shall be made available to developing countries and international organizations as food aid under the 1975 programme;
 2. Requests the Commission and Council to take, if necessary, appropriate steps to make a greater quantity available;
 3. Reiterates the importance of the proposals and ideas laid down by the Commission in its memorandum on food aid policy of the EEC (Doc. 37/74) and in its communication on the Community's future development aid policy (Doc. 430/74), in particular with regard to quantitative proposals of the first indicative three-year programme;
 4. Requests the Council, therefore, formally to adopt this proposal as soon as possible.

(¹) OJ No C 101, 3. 5. 1975, p. 5.

RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission
of the European Communities to the Council on technological problems of nuclear safety and
draft Council resolution**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council and the draft resolution on technological problems of nuclear safety (COM(75) 60 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 5/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 49/75),
1. In principle views the Commission's proposals positively since they meet its request for account to be taken of safety requirements and of the need to protect the public and the environment in view of the rapid increase in the generation of nuclear energy;
 2. Points out, however, that the adoption of the draft resolution will not be enough and that the Commission must submit practical proposals for the harmonization of national safety provisions without delay with the object of ensuring optimum protection of the working man and of the public and eliminating and preventing obstacles to trade;
 3. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission has taken account not only of the actual problem of nuclear safety but also of the wider range of general safety factors involved in the utilization of nuclear energy and sets great store by the Commission submitting as soon as possible practical proposals for safety provisions, particularly as regards the transport of radioactive substances, the distribution and storage of radioactive waste and the decommissioning of nuclear power stations;
 4. Calls on the Council to instruct the Commission, as the latter requests, to negotiate with the appropriate authorities in the USA on a protocol specifically directed towards safety in the nuclear energy sector;

 5. Requests the Commission also to make contact with third countries bordering the Community, with the object of minimizing dangers to the public on one side of a frontier caused by deficiencies in nuclear safety on the other;
 6. Calls on the Commission to submit within a reasonable period proposals concerning the scope and implementation of joint action to coordinate research in the field of nuclear safety pursuant to the first paragraph of Article 116 of the EEC Treaty;
 7. Considers that the back-up studies proposed by the Commission will be beneficial only if the Member States are induced to cooperate closely in this field, under the guidance of the Commission and with the Committee for Scientific and Technical Research (CREST) involved;
 8. Again protests in the strongest possible terms at the belated consultation, which has made it extremely difficult to deliver a comprehensive Opinion.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Council Directive on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions governing the commencement and carrying on of the business of credit institutions

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 57 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 435/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 66/75),
1. Again ⁽²⁾ expresses its disappointment at the very considerable delay that has characterized and still characterizes progress towards coordination of the Member States' provisions on credit institutions;
 2. Realizes, however, that the proposal is a step towards the coordination of these provisions, without which freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services will remain formal rather than genuine rights;
 3. Regrets the very limited scope of the proposal, even allowing for the additional difficulties in this field created by the increase in the number of Member States;
 4. Urges the Commission to submit as soon as possible further proposals on coordination, extending both to uniform supervision in the Member States of the solvency and liquidity of credit institutions and to the liberalization of the activities of stockbrokers and commission agents beyond national frontiers;

 5. Refers in particular to the need for uniform provisions to be laid down as soon as possible to define and set out the minimum requirements in respect of credit institutions' own funds;
 6. Feels that the European organizations representing the credit institutions must be consulted before proposals are made for further coordination at Community level of provisions concerning banking;
 7. Considers it appropriate — as is apparent from one of the proposed amendments — for the field of application of the Directive to be extended and stresses that distortions of competition may result from the exempting provisions if they are not applied uniformly in the Member States;
 8. Requests the Commission to consider whether Community provisions should later be made to ensure that different kinds of credit institutions in the various national markets should be subject to uniform conditions of competition;
 9. Refers to the need for the representatives of the competent authorities in the Member States to be able to deal with specific cases and to fulfil their supervisory functions in a narrower framework than that of the Contact Committee;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 12, 17. 1. 1975, p. 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ No 201, 5. 11. 1966, p. 3472/66.

10. Stresses that the setting up of a Contact Committee does not relieve the Commission of its right and duty to take the initiative when greater harmonization of provisions on banking is to be achieved;
11. Further requests the Commission to submit in particular proposals for Community provisions concerning the specific problems raised by concentrations and mergers in banking;
12. Requests the Commission to make the following amendments to its proposal pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty;
13. Approves the Commission's proposal subject to these amendments being made;
14. Urges the Council to approve the Commission's amended proposal as quickly as possible;
15. Also urges the Commission and Council to take steps to ensure that the Council Directive of 28 June 1973 (¹) is in practice observed by all the Member States.

(¹) OJ No L 194, 16. 7. 1973.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota of 30 000 head of heifers and cows, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff
- II. a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota of 5 000 head of bulls, cows and heifers, not intended for slaughter, of certain alpine breeds falling within subheading ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),

(¹) OJ No C 42, 22. 2. 1975, pp. 2 and 5.

- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 503/74),
 - having regard to the second report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 98/75),
1. Approves the general content of the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities;
 2. Welcomes the fact that the minimum period after which, starting from the day of importation, animals imported into Member States of the European Communities are considered as not intended for slaughter within the meaning of this Regulation, has been extended from two to four months;
 3. Regrets that the allocation of the Community tariff quotas is still made by direct distribution among the Member States; insists, moreover, on the need to harmonize veterinary standards, so that they can be brought into the Community ambit;
 4. Insists that, at the time of importation, importers should be required to make a declaration to the responsible authorities that the cattle imported under the Community tariff quota provided for in Article 1 (1) are not intended for slaughter;
 5. Insists that, where, in cases of *force majeure* (disease, accident) duly attested by a local authority, derogations from the prohibition on slaughter of animals imported under Article 1 (1) of the proposal for a Regulation under consideration are granted, the animals slaughtered should count against the allocation of the individual Member States.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the recommendation of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision approving the exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the establishment by Norway of fishing zones closed to trawlers at certain times of the year

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the recommendation from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 69/fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 27/75),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 65/75),

1. Approves in principle the Commission's recommendation;
2. Stresses the importance of ensuring that any measures taken are of a non-discriminatory nature.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for apricot pulp falling within subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1) aa) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Israel

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 61/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 95/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 96, 29. 4. 1975, p. 1.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation on the production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard poultry chicks
- II. a Regulation on the common system of trade for ovalbumin and lactalbumin
- III. a Regulation fixing the basic price and the standard quality for slaughtered pigs for the period from 1 November 1974 to 31 October 1975
- IV. a Regulation determining the Community scale for grading pig carcases

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 531/74),
- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation establishing a procedure of consolidation (Doc. 203/73),

(¹) OJ No C 65, 20. 3. 1975, p. 1.

- having regard to the report drawn up on this proposal (Doc 46/74),
- having regard to the proposals for consolidation of the Decisions adopted within the framework of the common agricultural policy, which proposals are set out in the memorandum of the Commission on the improvement of the common agricultural policy (Doc. 251/73),
- having regard to the report drawn up on this memorandum (Doc. 337/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 75/75),

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1. Approves the Commission's proposals for consolidation of the existing regulations;
 2. Stresses that approval of these measures, which are designed to clarify the relevant provisions, should not be interpreted as an assessment of their content;
 3. Notes that the proposals make no changes of substance to the Regulations concerned; nevertheless requests the Commission, at some time in the future, to bring previous Regulations up to date within the framework of consolidation;
 4. Requests the Commission to continue consolidation in other sectors, without departing from the principle essential to rigorous consolidation, of equivalence between the content of new and existing texts;
 5. Stresses the need to consult Parliament on future proposals designed to consolidate basic Regulations in the agricultural sector, and requests the Commission to use whenever possible the 'constituent' procedure of consolidation.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation extending to certain products processed from potatoes the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 1067/74 on the common organization of the market in dehydrated fodder

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾ to the Council and the amendments made to it in the Commission's letter of 6 May 1975,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 42 and 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 60/75),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 96/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 96, 29. 4. 1975, p. 9.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on measures against foot-and-mouth disease

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 82/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 132/75),

1. Approves the proposal from the Commission;

2. Nevertheless requests the Commission to adopt the following change, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 101, 3. 5. 1975, p. 9.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on common and coordinated research programmes in the fields of animal leucoses, livestock effluents, beef production and plant protein production

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 86/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinions of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 134/75),
1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal as being a contribution to the improvement of agricultural productivity and the elimination of obstacles to intra-Community trade;
 2. Requests the Commission to include, within the framework of existing research programmes on beef production and livestock effluents, the improvement of winter housing for cattle, thereby contributing to more orderly marketing;
 3. Believes that such research programmes should be extended to other fields, and in particular, pesticide residues in edible horticultural produce and in the poultry sector;
 4. Requests that the Commission inform the Committee on Agricultural regularly, in the framework of the reports foreseen in Article 11 of Regulation (EEC) No 1728/74⁽²⁾, of new areas of research under consideration by the Commission, so as to allow the European Parliament the possibility of putting forward in time areas of research it considers suitable for inclusion in subsequent Commission proposals.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 114, 23. 5. 1975, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 182, 8. 7. 1974, p. 1.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation setting up a temporary scheme of aids for the private storage of certain fishery products

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 211 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 42 and 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 97/75),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 112/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down measures for the rationalization of horticultural production under glass

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 42 and 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 89/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 129/75),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Points to the need to apply the socio-structural measures provided for in existing structural guidelines in favour of those who have ceased production and fulfilled the other conditions in application of the proposal for a Regulation;
 3. Regrets that the Commission has not attached to its proposal a survey of the relative importance of horticultural production under glass in Member States for overall agricultural production in the Community.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 125, 5. 6. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on a stocktaking of the common agricultural policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 100),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to the Council Decisions of 2 October 1974 and 4 March 1975 (Doc. 529/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 115/75),
- having regard to the memorandum on the improvement of the common agricultural policy (Doc. 251/73),
- having regard to the report of the European Parliament on that memorandum (Doc. 337/73),
- having regard to the EEC Treaty, and in particular Articles 3(d), 38 to 47, 92 to 94 and 110,
- whereas the present instruments of the common agricultural policy have been successful in achieving a certain degree of regularity of supply to the consumer and relative price stability,
- whereas the common agricultural policy has had only limited success in reducing regional disparities in agricultural incomes,
- recalling that the European Parliament welcomed the broad guidelines announced in the Commission's memorandum on the improvement of the common agricultural policy,
- considering that price policy related to the concept of the modern farm remains one of the most important instruments for implementing the common agricultural policy,
- considering that the solution to the income problem facing the agricultural sector is also to be found in effective long-term structural and marketing policies,
- believing, consequently, that additional short-term policies in certain agricultural markets are required in order to ensure adequate incomes to less-favoured farmers, reasonable prices to consumers and so to avoid serious imbalances between supply and demand,

General principles

1. Realizes that the common agricultural policy represents a cornerstone of European unification;
2. Regrets that there is not enough political resolve to achieve a genuine common policy in other areas, such as general economic policy, economic and monetary policy, social policy, etc., and fears that the common agricultural policy is thereby incapable of full development;
3. Welcomes the fact that the Commission has undertaken a stocktaking of the common agricultural policy, and believes that such reviews should be undertaken periodically, for example every five years;
4. Supports the Commission's view that:
 - (a) the principles underlying the common agricultural policy continue to be valid for the future,
 - (b) but that the political instruments could have been more effectively used and are in need of improvement;
5. Believes that the stocktaking should lead to a set of agricultural estimates, to serve as a permanent instrument of forward planning and action, and that their preparation should form the subject of consultation at all levels;

6. Requests that such reviews should include, bearing in mind the necessity for the Community to remain both an importer and exporter of agricultural produce, five-year production targets reviewed each year to allow for the maximum utilization of agricultural resources;
7. Believes that the fixing of production targets to act as general guidelines which take into account:
 - domestic consumption to be covered by Community agriculture,
 - Community import and export requirements,
 - imports from poor countries and stocking policies,could make a useful contribution to stable market equilibrium and guaranteeing supplies of food; they must, however, cover those products which the Community requires in order to make a consistent contribution, as long as possible and necessary, to Community and international food-aid programmes;
8. Fails to find in the 'stocktaking' a satisfactory assessment of the results of the structural policy and the competition policy;
9. Regrets that the Council has not taken positive decisions on the broad guidelines laid down in the Commission memorandum on the improvement of the common agricultural policy, which were overwhelmingly approved by the European Parliament and which are intended, in particular, to improve price relationships in the cereal and dairy sectors and to lay down a storage policy in the cereal sector;

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10. Believes that the CAP has contributed to stabilizing agricultural prices in relation to world prices and consumer prices, while, on the other hand, serious problems remain in certain sectors, notably beef and veal, milk, cereals, wine and poultry;
11. Regrets that the principle of Community preference is insufficiently observed in the pigmeat, poultry, vegetable and fruit sectors, especially *vis-à-vis* State-trading countries;
12. Regrets that as yet, the common agricultural policy has failed to bring incomes of farmers to a level comparable with those in industry, and notes in particular that there is a growing disparity in agricultural incomes between regions, and that there is still disparity between the livestock and the cereal sectors, and, in a more general sense, between incomes in those sectors which are heavily supported by the Community and those which are not;
13. Notes that the price policy is based on the modern farm and believes that additional policies are required to supplement improved intervention mechanisms and an incomes policy, possibly involving support from the Guidance Section of the EAGGF, for the modernization of under-developed farms, or other measures under the Social Fund and Regional Development Fund in order to create additional sources of income outside agriculture;
14. Believes that the application of a system of direct income subsidies is extremely useful, but that it should be restricted to selective, degressive aids adapted to particular situations with the aim of overcoming structural handicaps;
15. Urges that the market organizations be expanded and extended in particular to such important sectors as mutton and lamb, potatoes and alcohol;
16. Approves the Commission's proposals to increase the sensitivity of the producers' reactions to market situations by means of a producer financial responsibility for production surpluses, but insists that any measures to this effect should not stand in the way of agricultural modernization or relieve the Community of its responsibility with regard to farmers' incomes;
17. Considers that producers should be given more comprehensive information on the basis of systematic data concerning the evolution of production potential in the various sectors and that where appropriate measures should be taken to adapt this production to the requirements as this would help to reduce considerably fluctuations on the agricultural markets and the cost of subsidizing these markets;
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18. Believes that production planning and market management are the responsibility of all interested parties; this responsibility must be accepted, not imposed, and must flow naturally from a process of regular consultation between the Community and national institutions, the producers, processors and distributors; this dialogue would be aimed on the one hand at identifying and refining objectives and on the other at assessing how far objectives have been achieved, in particular where farm incomes are concerned;
19. Recalls, however, that the present system of fixing intervention prices at a level substantially below that of the target and guide prices already implies a certain measure of financial co-responsibility for farmers;
20. Requests that the Commission propose measures to encourage the regional specialisation of production, but realises that this is an objective requiring careful implementation to avoid too great a social upheaval;
21. Believes that producer subsidies can help only to overcome short-term market disturbances, particularly in the beef sector, and in those sectors where Community production falls short of demand, such as the durum wheat and olive oil sectors;
22. Believes that consumer subsidies provide a useful short-term method for disposing production surpluses to special categories of Community consumers;

23. Regrets the absence of any substantial proposals to improve processing and marketing organization, and requests the Commission to act quickly in this direction;
24. Emphasizes the need for producers to contribute, through producers' organizations, to maintaining market stability, particularly in the fruit and vegetable and fishing sectors;

Agricultural plant products

25. Believes that the price relationships between cereals for human consumption and fodder cereals should be improved so as to bring them more into line with the supply and demand situation within the EEC, and to encourage increased production of high energy proteins in particular;
26. Approves the Commission's proposal for a stocks policy (with a buffer stock for internal requirements and an external trade stock) so as to improve and stabilize supply, and consumer and producer prices, but considers that the financing of such a policy should be borne by the Community;
27. Believes that the Council should give priority to reaching a Decision on amendments proposed by the Commission to the basic Regulations in the wine sector, following the exceptional measures for distillation decided upon, and in particular to limitation on new planting, replanting to orientate production towards quality rather than quantity, restriction on national aids under Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 on the common organization of the wine market and in consequence adaptation to the manner of application of Directive No 72/159/EEC on the modernization of farms;
28. Considers, however, that effective action in the wine sector is impossible without a serious quality policy, under which the product is evaluated in terms of natural alcoholometric grading and other quality criteria, with strict regulation of artificial enrichment;
29. Repeats its support for previously proposed amendments in respect of the olive oil sector, whereby the amount of aid would be determined *a posteriori* on the basis of the difference between the production target price and the actual market price obtained, and bearing in mind supply problems and the importance of this produce for regional economy, it requests that provision should be made for supplementary measures to improve production and marketing conditions;
30. Believes that a reorganization of the sugar market, with the elimination of quotas, would be inadvisable at present in the light of present world and EEC production and given that the present market organization has achieved stability of supply to the consumer and income to the producer;
31. Considers that in the framework of the overall Mediterranean policy the interests of Community fruit and vegetable producers must be supported by granting appropriate preference terms;
32. Recommends stricter controls and harmonization of national support measures in the fruit and vegetable sector;
33. Calls for an examination of pesticide residues in edible horticultural produce and requests that health controls should be as strict for imports of horticultural produce as for other imports from third countries;

Animal production.

34. Approves in principle the Commission's proposal to introduce a degree of financial responsibility on the part of the producer for surpluses in the milk sector;
35. Does not, however, consider a two-stage application of target and intervention prices for milk, to be an appropriate measure and consequently calls on the Commission to examine alternative methods;

36. Emphasizes that cattle farming is an essential production of European agriculture, that the production of milk and meat cannot be considered in isolation from each other and that furthermore, dairy products must be seen in connection with the overall policy on dietary fats;

37. Considers that the market and pricing policy must be medium-term and supported by a continuous active export policy;

38. Welcomes the Commission's proposals to introduce greater flexibility in the intervention arrangements for the beef and veal sector and recommends a wider application of this principle of a choice of measures to deal with short-term marketing problems in the livestock sector;

39. Believes that the Commission should come forward with proposals to increase the sensitivity of the reaction of the pigmeat producers to consumer demand;

40. Requests that health norms should be laid down for the whole animal production sector in the near future and compliance with such norms be made effective;

41. Regrets that in its stocktaking the Commission has given so little place to the poultry sector which is beset by major difficulties;

Structural policy

42. Urges that Directives No 72/159/EEC, No 72/160/EEC and No 72/161/EEC be implemented by all Member States since modernization of structures and vocational training are of decisive importance in improving the income situation of those in agriculture;

43. Requests that the Commission draw up a review of the Guidance Section of the EAGGF in order to establish whether new policy instruments are required and to identify and separate regional and social problems from the EAGGF;

44. Believes that it is essential in rural areas to create alternative employment in non-agricultural sectors if structural policies are to be fully effective, and feels that the use of the Social and Regional Fund and other Community sources of finance will enable this to be achieved;

Market unity

45. Calls for the consistent development of the common agricultural policy, which can, however, only be achieved on the basis of rapid progress in the establishment of economic and monetary union;

46. Believes that there must be a policy to re-establish the unity of the market; requests, however, before decisions to this effect are taken, an examination of the economic and social repercussions of dismantling the system of monetary compensatory amounts in the individual Member States; also, calls for examination of the possibility of adapting the 'green' currencies of Member States with floating currencies;

47. Is of the opinion that there are differences in the Member States in the taxation of agricultural incomes — especially in the calculation of the liability to tax (estimates instead of actual income) — differences which have a considerable influence on the spending power of farmers in Europe and hence also on the competitive situation in the European agricultural market; is of the opinion that the same applies to differences in social security payments; requests the Commission to prepare as soon as possible an inventory of these differences and if possible to propose measures to put an end to the abovementioned distortion of competition;

48. Expresses its disappointment at the fact that, in the absence of proper cooperation from the Member States, the Commission has not been able to draw up a list of national support allocated and calls upon the Member States which have not yet submitted a survey of national aids in compliance with the Council Decision of 25 October 1974 to do so without delay;

49. Believes that national aids, by their nature militate against the interests of the poorer states and should therefore be replaced by Community aids;

50. Believes that progress on the harmonization of economic and monetary policies is a prerequisite for the re-establishment of unity in the agricultural market;

51. Believes that all transitional arrangements for the new Member States should be terminated forthwith;

External relations

52. Welcomes proposals for long-term contracts on a bilateral basis, such as cereal exports to Algeria, and suggests that a study be made of the Export Credit Guarantee Department;

53. Believes that the proposals for the greater use of food aid as a policy instrument could play a useful role, but suggests that commitments of more than five years' duration should not be undertaken because of the inherent political risks;

Budgetary aspects

54. Regrets the absence of any long-term financial projections which must form one essential element in a review of the common agricultural policy;

55. Shares the Commission's view that the cost of the common agricultural policy has been kept within reasonable limits although some items of expenditure could have been managed more satisfactorily;

56. Points out that some items of expenditure, such as the compensatory amounts under the Treaty of Accession and those resulting from monetary complications, should not be ascribed to the common agricultural policy and that a number of items of expenditure have benefited consumers and the developing countries;

57. Regrets that the Commission has not attempted any comparison between expenditure for the common agricultural policy and revenue from import levies and producers' contributions;

58. Insists that a simplification of the rules of application of the common agricultural policy and the Common Customs Tariff is essential in order to limit the cost of their administration and minimize the possibility of frauds, bearing in mind the reports of the Special Committees of Enquiry on the milk, oil seeds and olive oil sectors;

59. Believes that it is essential, if incorrect allocation of EAGGF funds is to be avoided, that a European Audit Court be set up and internal controls intensified.

RESOLUTION
on the Community's position in the GATT negotiations

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the results of the meeting of the Council of the European Communities of 10 February 1975, which broadly confirm the fundamental positions of the Community based on the Commission's overall approach drawn up with a view to the multilateral negotiations in GATT (COM(73) 556 and 556/2),
- having regard to the declaration issued at the end of the conference of ministers of the Member States of GATT (Tokyo, 12 to 14 September 1973),
- having regard to its resolution of 4 July 1973⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinions of the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 106/75),

1. Welcomes the opening of the new multilateral negotiations in GATT, which demonstrate the desire of the participating countries to oppose the disorganization of world trade and to give a new impetus to international trade exchanges;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 62, 31. 7. 1973, p. 22.

2. Regards the new approach defined by the Commission for the negotiations, in so far as the guidelines allow it to be judged, as balanced and flexible;
3. Requests the Commission to advocate liberalization of international trade based on the principle of reciprocity between all countries;
4. Supports the position adopted by the Community in the negotiations, in so far as it is aimed at obtaining not only a significant reduction in customs tariffs but also, at the same time, a harmonization of these tariffs at world level;
5. Invites the Member States to speed up within the Community the process of harmonization in respect of non-tariff barriers to trade and to give the Commission wider power to negotiate in this field;
6. Considers that, without prejudice to the common agricultural policy, the stabilization of world agriculture-markets is a necessary condition for supplies to the world population and for its well-being;
7. Doubts the effectiveness of an international code of good conduct in the agricultural sector unless an appropriate supervisory body is set up at the same time and recognized internationally;
8. Emphasizes the need for a more flexible organization of the GATT safeguard clause arrangements (pursuant to Article XIX of GATT);
9. Emphasizes the exceptional importance of the Community's objective in the negotiations of helping to broaden the developing countries' opportunities to participate in the expansion of world trade;
10. Requests the Commission to vigorously oppose, in the light of experience gained during the world primary commodity and energy crisis, the introduction of export restrictions and other protectionist measures as part of national external trade policy;
11. Supports the Community's position in the negotiations in so far as it is aimed at obtaining an appropriate counterpart to the concessions granted to the eastern countries;
12. Hopes that certain reservations included in the 1974 American Trade Act will not prove a hindrance to the implementation of the agreements reached in the GATT negotiations;
13. Emphasizes that an effective world economic system can only exist on the basis of a coherent international monetary system, which should be organized at the earliest possible date;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on Community financial and technical aid to non-associated developing countries, 1976 to 1980

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 95 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 38/75),
 - having regard to the resolution contained in the Bersani report, in particular paragraph 3 thereof, adopted by the European Parliament on 30 April 1975⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 133/75),
1. Welcomes the Commission communication and agrees that, in principle, the Community should grant financial and technical aids to the non-associated developing countries;
 2. Is convinced that no development programme can be successful unless the food needs of the populations in the developing countries can be satisfied;
 3. Views the need to meet food requirements as an important complement to the structural programme because it is intended above all for the relief of the overpopulated and famine-stricken countries of the Indian sub-continent;
 4. Calls for priority treatment for rural areas in the developing countries and the adoption of the measures necessary to improve agricultural production, stockfarming and fishing yields, and urges that parallel measures be undertaken to develop infrastructures;
 5. Is of the opinion that support should be given above all to traditional self-sufficient smallholdings, because this is where the maximum effect can be achieved with the minimum effort, and urges the support of crafts and cottage industries in rural areas;
 6. Emphasizes the importance of all measures aimed at improving storage and marketing;
 7. Urges the Commission, in cooperation with the responsible organizations, to conduct a survey of the world food situation to draw up an internationally coordinated food aid plan and to ensure that the conclusions reached at the World Food Conference in Rome are reflected in a detailed aid policy;
 8. Considers that aid for regional cooperation and integration is a significant item, contributing as it does to the economic and structural improvement of specific areas, and hopes that it will make possible low-cost mass production;
 9. Welcomes the planned measures to promote exports and trade relations, since trade expansion is one of the key factors in improving the economic situation of the developing countries and enables the Community to contribute actively to the definition of a new economic order;
 10. Supports the idea of visits by business experts, feasibility studies on joint ventures integrated into the development policy of the country in question and participation in applied research schemes in the fields of industrial development and design, since these are factors which play a concrete part in promoting exports; urges, however, that cooperation in this area be carried out with existing organizations in order to avoid additional expenditure;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 111, 20. 5. 1975, p. 22.

11. Agrees in principle that financial assistance should be granted in the form of direct aid but feels that the funds could be released to suitable organizations, if the latter can guarantee more efficient utilization and observe the priorities and sectoral guidelines set out by the Community;
12. Agrees with the Commission that the aid should be concentrated on the poorest countries and, in view of the limited resources available, calls for the establishment of flexible allocation criteria designed to guarantee optimal results;
13. Is of the opinion that the sum of 100 million units of account set aside for the first year of the five-year period must, in view of the great need in certain countries, be regarded as too modest;
14. Requests the Commission to compile figures showing how much financial aid the 17 poorest non-associated countries are already receiving from other industrial countries and organizations;
15. Expects the Commission to submit in good time a more detailed programme;
16. Is convinced on humanitarian grounds that funds for emergency relief action in disaster situations should be made available as a matter of urgency and hopes that the Community will be given the greatest possible room for manœuvre in this field so that the aid can be provided in a flexible and unbureaucratic manner;
17. Welcomes the Commission's proposals to pay for the transport and distribution of aid to the affected areas, thus meeting a long-standing demand of Parliament;
18. Considers the proposed sum of 10 million units of account for disaster aid insufficient and wishes to be informed of the annual amounts made available to date by the Community for such purposes;
19. Is of the opinion that the funds could be allocated to both project and programme aid, subject to availability of the necessary infrastructure in the planning and administrative sectors and provided that the authorities responsible undertake to ensure that they are put to appropriate use;
20. Agrees that Community aid should follow the 1972 recommendation of the Development Aid Committee (i.e. comprise a grant element of at least 84%), since this financial assistance is intended solely for the poorest countries and their indebtedness must not be allowed to increase as a result of Community aid;
21. Recommends, however, that the Commission consider whether the aid from budgetary funds granted to countries which have already reached a certain level of development could not be supplemented by EIB loans and proposes in this connection that the existing loan policy be reviewed and an eventual change in the bank's statute proposed;
22. Draws the Commission's attention to the question of whether enough suitably trained personnel are available to implement the aid programme to the non-associated countries;
23. Approves in general terms the plans to grant assistance to non-associated countries as being sensible and balanced, but emphasizes:
 - that the Community's overall cooperation policy should in no way detract from the pursuit and development of cooperation with the ACP countries,
 - that the criteria used for distributing aid to the non-associated countries should be readily apparent,
 - that the policy for the non-associated countries must be incorporated in the framework of existing Community policy and contribute to the long-term aim of placing the development aid policy on a stronger Community footing, and
 - that Community aid must contribute to the social wellbeing of the country as a whole.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the recommendation from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a resolution on the interim trade arrangements with the overseas countries and territories associated with the European Economic Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the recommendation for a Council Regulation⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 109/75),
 - having regard to the report of its Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 131/75) and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on External Economic Relations,
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1. Welcomes the fact that the proposed arrangements will allow all products exported from the countries and territories associated with the Community to enter the Community free of customs duties from 1 July 1975 without prejudice to the special provisions for the agricultural products listed in Annex II of the Treaty of Rome which come under a common organization of the market — that is to say, under the same conditions as products originating in the countries which are signatories of the Lomé convention;
 2. Considers it desirable that the principle of reciprocity laid down in the provisions of Part IV of the Treaty of Rome in respect of exports from the Community to a country or territory should be applied as flexibly as possible in order to allow the overseas countries and territories to enjoy trade arrangements with the EEC that are as favourable to their development as those allowed^{*}for the ACP countries;
 3. Welcomes the fact that the Community proposes for the purpose of promoting regional cooperation in the overseas countries and territories to allow them to grant certain countries or territories more favourable terms than those granted to the Community itself;
 4. Considers that the safety clause in Article 7 of the recommendation should effectively safeguard against the risk of disturbances in a sector of the Community's economy;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 123, 3. 6. 1975, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for the products falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the ACP States
- II. a Regulation relating to the arrangements applicable to certain agricultural and processed agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (or in the overseas countries and territories)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 81/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 128/75),
1. Approves, in principle, the Commission's proposals;
 2. Once again affirms that agreement was reached, in an exchange of letters on the occasion of the signing of the Lomé convention on 28 February 1975, on advance implementation of the measures concerned, i.e. from 1 July 1975;

With regard to the first proposal (COM(75) 160 fin.)

3. Calls on the Commission to create appropriate conditions for development of the traditional flows of trade between the ACP and the Community on the one hand and the ACP and Member States on the other;
4. Supports the Commission's proposal that the first period of application should be extended to 30 June 1976;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 109, 16. 5. 1975, pp. 1 and 4.

5. Requests the Commission to ensure that all Community importers have equal and continuous access to the quotas and that the tariff rates envisaged for the quotas shall be applied to all imports of the articles concerned in all Member States without a break until the quota is exhausted;

6. Urges that the quota be allocated according to the actual needs of the Member States, with due account being taken of the provisions of Protocol 7 to the Lomé convention and of those of the EEC Treaty;

With regard to the second proposal (COM(75) 174 fin.)

7. Considers this proposal very important since trade in agricultural products is of great consequence for a number of ACP countries;

8. Notes that certain conditions and limitations are envisaged in specific cases to prevent disturbances on the EEC market in the event of a considerable increase in imports; considers, however, that the limitations should be kept as far as possible to a minimum by means of orderly management of Community markets in order to ensure that the ACP countries effectively benefit from the arrangements;

9. Supports the Commission's proposal to take measures to encourage the import of certain goods originating in the ACP States to the French overseas departments since there have always been close trade links between the ACP States and these departments;

10. Finally, emphasizes that the Council and Commission must take all the requisite steps to ensure that the provisions are applied from 1 July 1975, thus enabling the Community to fulfill the commitments it has entered into *vis-à-vis* its partners.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

I. a Regulation on the advance application of certain provisions of the ACP-EEC Lomé convention relating to trade in goods

II. a draft Decision of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting in the Council, opening tariff preferences for products within the province of that Community originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 102/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 130/75) and the Opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations,

1. Is pleased that the proposal for a Regulation and the draft decision provide for the duty free entry into the Community, as from 1 July 1975, of exports of all ACP products other than agricultural products listed in Annex II to the Treaty of Rome and lay down measures to facilitate access of these products to the EEC market;

2. Welcomes in particular the fact that the definition of origin incorporated in these provisions is extremely favourable to products from ACP countries, since they are treated as a single customs territory;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 130, 11. 6. 1975, p. 2.

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3. Believes that the safeguard clause provided for in Article 6 of the proposal for a Regulation and Article 3 of the draft Decision on ECSC products should exclude any danger of disturbances on the EEC market;
 4. Considers, finally, that the application of the above provisions during a transitional period would make it possible to assess their effectiveness and to envisage any amendments to the provisions which may be necessary when the convention comes fully into effect;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the competent authorities in the ACP States.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities for a Council Decision empowering the Commission to issue Euratom loans with a view to a Community contribution towards the financing of nuclear power stations

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 187 of the Euratom Treaty (Doc. 480/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 79/75/rev.),
- having regard to its resolution of 17 January 1972⁽²⁾ on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on the issue of loans as a Community contribution towards the financing of nuclear power stations,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 35, 14. 2. 1975, p. 6.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 10, 5. 2. 1972, p. 6.

1. Notes that its earlier basic demands in this field have been taken into account in the Commission's proposal;
2. Believes that the proceeds from the planned loans should only be invested in projects which are viable and incorporate up-to-date technical developments in the generation and distribution of electricity;
3. Considers that, in line with the relevant legal rules, an entry should be made in the annual budget to cover Community borrowings and lendings, which should be subject to the budgetary procedure applicable to all Community revenue and expenditure, and that the Commission must therefore be empowered by the budgetary authorities to borrow funds and to approve loans of sums to be accurately defined and set out in the budgetary documents;
4. Requests the Commission to make the following amendment to its proposal, pursuant to Article 119 (2) of the Treaty establishing the EAEC;
5. Intends to apply the procedure for conciliation between Parliament and the Council should the latter not accept Parliament's Opinion.

RESOLUTION

on the failure to give to the Commission of the European Communities a discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1971, following the report of the Audit Board

The European Parliament,

1. Recalls the provisions of the Communities' Financial Regulation, which state that normally the Council and Parliament must give a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget for any given financial year before 30 April of the year following the submission by the Audit Board of its report on the accounts of that financial year;
2. Recognizes that in respect of the financial year 1971 a certain postponement of the application of these provisions may be justified:
 - (a) by the delay in the entry into force of the Financial Regulation (1 May 1973),
 - (b) by the delay in the forwarding by the Commission of the European Communities of the Audit Board's report (April 1973 instead of October 1972);
3. Emphasizes that its responsible committee:
 - (a) objected on several occasions to the Commission and Council with regard to the irregularity of such a situation;
 - (b) reminded the Council of the provisions of the last paragraph of Article 206 of the EEC Treaty, which lays down that the Council shall act on the discharge to the Commission before Parliament does so;
 - (c) gave its agreement — in June 1974 — on the compromise proposal forwarded to the Council by the Commission, which would make it possible to fix the financing of the 1971 budget finally on the basis of statements by the Member States;
4. Is obliged to note:
 - (a) on the one hand, the paralysing attitude of the Council, which did not accept the proposed compromise and which could find no other solution that would make it possible to close the accounts for the 1971 financial year;
 - (b) on the other hand, that the Commission was unable to obtain from the national authorities the accounts it needed to close the accounting periods for appropriations from the EAGGF, Guarantee Section, to 1971;
5. Considers that the series of delays — which makes it impossible in 1975 to act on the 1971 budget — renders ineffective its supervisory powers in regard to the implementation of the budget of the Communities;
6. Decides, since these circumstances do not allow Parliament to give a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1971, not to give a discharge;

7. Warns the Commission and Council — who are responsible for this situation — of the repercussions on the 1972, 1973 and 1974 accounts, and urges the Commission, on the one hand, to act finally on the financial year 1971 and the Council, on the other, to act on the budget accounts for 1971;

8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the giving of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the activities of the European Development Funds in 1971

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1971 and to the answers of the institutions to that report (Doc. 206/72-III B),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 111/75),

1. Requests the Council to give a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 1971, with regard to the Development Funds, bearing in mind the observations made;

2. Requests the Commission to eliminate the causes which gave rise to those observations and to report to it on this matter;

3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and, for information, to the Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the discharge given to the competent authorities in respect of the accounts of the European Parliament as at 31 December 1971

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the interim report of the Committee for Finance and Budgets (Doc. 13/72),

— having regard to its resolution of 18 April 1972⁽¹⁾,

— having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts and the statement of assets and liabilities of the Communities for the accountancy procedures in respect of the 1971 budget, and to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1971 (Doc. 206/72, I-IV),

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 111/75),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 46, 9. 5. 1972, p. 33.

1. Finally adopts the revenue and expenditure accounts of the European Parliament as at 31 December 1971 at a figure of 11 015 873·40 units of account in expenditure commitments incurred during this financial year, 10 638 668·96 units of account actually spent and 377 204·44 units of account still to be paid out at the end of this financial year;
2. Gives a final discharge to its President and its Secretary-General, pursuant to Rule 50A(3) of its Rules of Procedure, in respect of the implementation of Parliament's budget for 1971.
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament for the financial year 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rules 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the draft estimates and accompanying report drawn up by the Committee responsible (Doc. 150/75),
 - (a) whereas it is necessary to stabilize the establishment plan and to restrict the increase in posts to a minimum,
 - (b) whereas account must be taken in the case of a very large part of the appropriations in the draft estimates, of increases resulting from estimated increases in remuneration for which the procedure will henceforth be harmonized between all the institutions,
 - (c) whereas, however, its activities are constantly increasing,

A. Establishment plan

1. (a) converts 120 local staff posts into established posts and 46 auxiliary staff posts into established posts,
 - (b) creates 32 new posts (including three in the secretariats of the political groups),
 - (c) regrades 19 posts in the establishment plan, nine posts in the interpreting service and five posts in the secretariats of the political groups,

and provides for one *ad personam* promotion all in accordance with the breakdown given below;

B. Estimates

2. Fixes its estimates of revenue and expenditure for 1976 at 52 249 646 units of account;
3. Is prepared to consider amending its estimates when it examines the draft budget of the Communities for 1976 and if cost increases so require;
4. Instructs its Committee on Budgets to keep the implementation of these estimates under review, with due regard to the principles set out in the explanatory statement accompanying this motion;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, the attached estimates of revenue and expenditure and the report of its committee to the Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Council of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the present state of work on the adoption of the sixth Directive on the harmonization of the legislations of the Member States concerning turnover taxes — common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from the Member States by the Communities' own resources,
- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council of October 1973⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Opinion on this proposal adopted by the European Parliament on 14 March 1974⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the subsequently amended proposal from the Commission of 12 August 1974⁽³⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 80, 5. 10. 1973, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 121, 11. 10. 1974, p. 34.

1. Recalls the Council's resolution of 22 March 1971 on Economic and Monetary Union, in which the common system of value added tax plays an extremely important role;
 2. Stresses also the budgetary significance of this sixth Directive, since, pursuant to Article 4 of the Decision of 21 April 1970, by 1 January 1975, the budget of the Communities was to have been financed entirely from own resources including those accruing from value added tax and obtained by applying a rate not exceeding 1% to a uniform basis of assessment;
 3. Considers it intolerable that in the present circumstances the derogation provided for in Article 4 of this Decision should continue to apply, to the detriment of the Community;
 4. Cannot avoid the impression that the lengthy procedure in the Council is due to the absence of political will;
 5. Expects the Council to take a decision without delay to the effect that the Directive may enter into force no later than 1 January 1976, so that the Community — since the Member States will require some time to adjust their legislation after the adoption of this Directive in the Council — has genuine own resources on 1 January 1977 at the latest,
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the collection, regeneration and/or destruction of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 510/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 117/75),
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1. Considers the Commission's proposal for a directive a useful and necessary instrument for achieving better, more effective protection of public health and the environment;
 2. Notes with satisfaction that the present proposal constitutes one of the urgent measures to be taken under the European Community's programme of action on the environment;
 3. Notes with satisfaction that the European Community, in this Directive, follows the decision of the Council of the OECD on the protection of the environment by control of polychlorinated biphenyls;
 4. Urges the Commission to ensure that the provisions to be established by the Member States for bodies responsible for PCB treatment, should not lead to reduced efficiency on the part of such enterprises or to distortion of competition conditions;
 5. Agrees with the proposal that part of the treatment costs should be borne by the person or enterprise wishing to dispose of PCB's, since this complies with the 'polluter pays' principle;
 6. Urges the Commission to ensure that the deadline of 24 months for the introduction of provisions under this Directive commencing on 1 October 1975, is strictly observed to avoid further delay in their enforcement;
 7. Requests the Commission, pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty to make the following amendments to its proposal;
 8. Requests its appropriate committee to check carefully whether the Commission of the European Communities adopts the European Parliament's amendments to its proposal and, if necessary, to report on this matter to Parliament.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 49, 1. 3. 1975, p. 1.

RESOLUTION
on speed limits within the European Economic Community

The European Parliament,

- conscious of, and deeply concerned by, the enormous cost in terms of human lives and suffering occasioned by road accidents which are in many cases caused by excessive speeds,
 - recognizing that such accidents also have a serious incidence on the economy,
 - having regard to the different and often contradictory unilateral measures taken by the Member States at the beginning of the energy crisis and the difficulties which those measures have caused,
 - having regard to the fact that road safety and, above all, questions connected with the speed of motor vehicles have always been a concern of the European Parliament (⁽¹⁾),
 - emphasizing the fact that both the European conference of Ministers of Transport and the UN Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva are working towards the establishment of a speed limit system applicable to the whole of Europe,

 - regretting that no tangible progress has yet been made within the Community towards the introduction of a uniform system for the improvement of road safety,
 - realizing that it is difficult, in the absence of detailed studies and statistical data, to work out optimum provisions for limiting the speeds of different categories of motor vehicles on different types of road,
1. Calls on the Commission of the European Communities, in conjunction with the other European organizations concerned and representatives of the transport sector, to carry out the necessary studies;
 2. Requests the Commission, in the light of these studies, to submit to the Council as soon as possible proposals for flexible measures to regulate speeds within the Community for different categories of motor vehicles on different types of road under varying conditions, but stopping short of blanket measures to limit speeds;
 3. Urges the Council to adopt such proposals without delay once they are submitted to it by the Commission, bearing in mind the Opinion of the European Parliament concerning the Commission's proposals;
 4. Instructs its appropriate committee to keep this question under review and, if necessary, to report on it;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(¹) OJ No C 85, 13. 10. 1973, p. 14;
OJ No C 56, 8. 3. 1975, p. 6;
OJ No C 80, 9. 7. 1974, p. 24;
OJ No C 53, 9. 5. 1974, p. 29;
OJ No C 39, 6. 4. 1974, p. 27.

RESOLUTION
on the events in Uganda

The European Parliament,

1. Recalls that Uganda belongs to the African, Caribbean and Pacific States with which the European Community concluded the Lomé convention;
2. Therefore appeals to the President of Uganda, General Amin, to reprieve the British citizen Denis Cecil Hills;
3. Urges the Governments of the Member States and the other signatory States of the Lomé convention to make every effort to obtain this reprieve;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments of the Member States and the other signatory States of the Lomé convention.

RESOLUTION
on the acute danger of further pollution of the Rhine

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the article entitled 'Summer suffocation for the Rhine', which appeared in the German newspaper 'Die Welt' on 11 March 1975 (see notice to members — PE 40.172),
 - having consulted Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission*, at the meeting of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment of 21 April 1975,
1. Recalls its resolutions of 19 November 1970 (¹) on the preservation of inland waters, with particular regard to pollution of the Rhine and 16 December 1971 (²) on the pollution of rivers, in particular the Rhine;
 2. Is deeply disturbed by the constantly increasing pollution of the Rhine, which, with the rising temperature of the summer, could lead to a breakdown of the ecological balance in some parts of the Rhine in 1975;
 3. Finds it totally unacceptable that negotiations between the Member States have so far produced no effective results because of failure to reach agreement on common action;
 4. Therefore calls on the Commission to offer to act as intermediary between the three riparian States, France, Germany and the Netherlands, all members of the Community, with a view to achieving agreement on immediate, practical and coordinated measures to avert the impending disaster;
 5. Urges the Parliaments of these three Member States to give their full support to the Commission in its role as intermediary so that the necessary measures can be brought into effect as soon as possible;
 6. Further proposes that the possibility should be investigated of providing Community financial support for specific projects to assist the construction of purification plant and other suitable equipment at the most seriously threatened points of the Rhine;
 7. Requests the Commission to intensify its participation in the work of the International Commission on the Protection of the Rhine against pollution;
 8. Requests its Committee on Public Health and the Environment, as the committee responsible, to keep the Commission's response to its requests and proposals under close review, and to report to it when appropriate;
 9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and to the Governments and Parliaments of France, the German Federal Republic and the Netherlands.

(¹) OJ No C 143, 3. 12. 1970, p. 30.

(²) OJ No C 2, 11. 1. 1972, p. 22.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Council Regulation on the action to be taken to bring into force the European Agreement concerning the work of crews of vehicles engaged in international road transport (AETR)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 104/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 145/75),
 - considering that it has already expressed a favourable Opinion on the entry into force of the AETR in the countries of the Community for reasons connected with competition, road safety and social progress,
1. Stresses that, in order to avoid disparities in the application of social rules on road transport in the Community, it is very important for the AETR to come into force simultaneously in all the Member States;
 2. Approves the proposed procedure, whereby all the Member States will jointly deposit their instruments of ratification or of accession to the AETR through the representative of the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council, who will act on behalf of the Community;
 3. Approves, therefore, the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities;
 4. Stresses, however, that any future changes in the AETR will be negotiated and concluded by the Community according to the procedure laid down in Article 228 of the EEC Treaty.

(¹) OJ No C 123, 3. 6. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision establishing a common procedure for the preparation and constant updating of a European inventory of sources of information on the environment

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 15/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 141/75),
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1. Welcomes the Commission proposal as a useful initiative, since the planned European inventory will facilitate access to the available sources for all users in the Community, in particular those responsible for the supervision, protection and management of the environment;
 2. Notes that the requisites for choosing Article 235 of the EEC Treaty as the legal basis for this Commission proposal have been met;
 3. Agrees with the procedure proposed, since it aims at making the best use of information on the environment at present available in the Community, and ensures that the various information sources will be identified and uniformly indexed;
 4. Considers it desirable that the termination of research projects should also be included in the inventory and therefore requests the Commission to extend Article 1 of the proposal for a Decision accordingly;
 5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the Member States meet their obligation to supply information punctually and in full;
 6. Asks the Commission, where necessary, to inform it in January of each year which Member States are behindhand in supplying the information;
 7. Stresses that, to ensure that those concerned are fully informed, the European inventory of sources of information on the environment must be published as soon as possible;
 8. Urges the Commission, therefore, to call in staff from other bodies to help with the compilation of this inventory, which will indubitably mean an increased workload.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 134, 16. 6. 1975, p. 114.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on imports of fresh lemons originating in Israel

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 103/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 144/75),
1. Notes that the Commission's proposal only contains implementing provisions on part of the Agreement signed between the EEC and Israel on 11 May 1975;
 2. Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 133, 14. 6. 1975, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 114/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 146/75),
- having regard to the interim report on the Agreement between the EEC and the State of Israel (⁽²⁾),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 129, 10. 6. 1975, p. 4.

(²) OJ No C 128, 9. 6. 1975, p. 19.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation fixing the main intervention centres for oil seeds for the 1975/76 marketing year and the derived intervention prices applicable in these centres

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 220 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to the EEC Treaty (Doc. 139/75),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture, (Doc. 151/75),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Urges the Commission in future to accompany such proposals by information on the development of production and sales in the Community, and on price trends on the world market, so as to allow a full evaluation.

RESOLUTION

on the second list of requests to carry forward appropriations from the financial year 1974 to the financial year 1975 (appropriations not carried forward automatically)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list submitted by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 206 and COM(75) 206/2),
- having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Article 6(2) of the Financial Regulation of the Communities (Doc. 100/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 143/75),

1. Recalls its Opinion, given in its resolution on the initial list of requests relating to the non-automatic carrying forward of appropriations⁽¹⁾, that these requests must be of an exceptional character;
2. Approves:
 - (a) the carrying forward of appropriations totalling 72 730 290·13 units of account ('other appropriations') relating to the Council's and the Commission's sections of the budget,
 - (b) appropriations totalling 53 000 000 units of account for intervention in respect of beef and veal, which it believes are based on exceptional reasons;
3. Approves, however, with the greatest reluctance, the carrying forward request for aid for durum wheat and olive oil production totalling respectively 57 500 000 units of account and 190 000 000 units of account; it believes that these carry-forwards are not based on exceptional reasons, and moreover:
 - (i) are of an order of magnitude which could seriously distort the 1975 budget,
 - (ii) appear to reflect a significant degree of procrastination in the administration of major provisions in the 1974 budget;
4. Notes that, as a result, the carry-forwards of non-automatic appropriations from the initial list of requests submitted by the Commission (on which it gave its Opinion in its resolution of 12 May 1975) together with those of the second list, give a total amount of 601 183 546·79 units of account;
5. Reiterates its concern regarding the possible danger which the abuse of the carry forward procedure could pose for Parliament's role in the budgetary sphere;
6. Believes that the possibility of ready access to the carry forward facility may contribute to less attention being given to the need to implement Community schemes promptly;
7. Considers that the apparently rather tardy discovery of the need to carry forward large sums from 1974 to 1975 calls for a reappraisal of the Community's system of expenditure control;
8. Asks the Commission to review Community procedures generally with a view:
 - (i) to establishing the extent to which complicated systems of operation or over-centralization of operations may have been contributing to the emergence of carry-forwards, and
 - (ii) to discovering the reforms needed to improve the position;
9. Considers that the possibility of developing a system of forward monitoring of expenditure should be examined with a view to ensuring that the likelihood of substantial shifts, in the making of payments, as between financial years, be detected as early as possible, and be communicated to the European Parliament before the completion of the procedure for adopting the budget for the following year;
10. Expresses concern because the European Parliament has not been supplied, before 1 April, with a list of the items to be carried forward automatically from the financial year 1974 to the financial year 1975;
11. Notes with satisfaction that, this year, the 1 May deadline stipulated in the Financial Regulation in respect of non-automatic carry-forwards was observed by the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 128, 9. 6. 1975, p. 6.

RESOLUTION

on the customs union and the achievement of the internal market with Opinion of the European Parliament on the programme of the Commission of the European Communities for the simplification of customs procedures

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolutions of 6 July 1971 (¹) on the removal of controls on travel within the Community and of 9 October 1972 (²) on controls on traffic within the Community,
- having regard to the programme submitted by the Commission on the simplification of customs formalities (COM(75) 67 final),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 22/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 135/75),

1. Notes with concern that the implementation of the customs union, which has been in existence since 1968, is being hindered by the still incomplete harmonization of customs law;

2. Stresses the political and economic significance of the customs union for the process of European integration;

3. Expresses its concern at the continued existence of many controls on the movement of goods and persons within the Community, which are due to failure to harmonize national economic and fiscal legislation;

4. Regards the abolition of obstacles to the free movement of goods, services and capital as an urgent task for the Community institutions in the near future;

5. Regards as indispensable the introduction of improved and simplified customs formalities and the increased abolition of technical and administrative obstacles to trade, as essential preconditions for the speedy development of European integration;

With regard to the improvement and simplification of customs formalities — movement of persons

6. Takes the view that the present customs duty exemptions for goods carried in travellers' personal luggage make travel and movement across frontiers within the Community easier, and urges that these exemptions should basically be kept at a generous level and continually adapted to the increased cost of living;

(¹) OJ No C 78, 2. 8. 1971, p. 48.

(²) OJ No C 112, 27. 10. 1972, p. 10.

Movement of goods

7. Approves the measures contained in the programme submitted by the Commission on the simplification of Community provisions applied by customs administrations;
8. Stresses particularly in this connection the economic, political and psychological significance of the Commission proposals relating to
 - simplification of the nomenclature of the Common Customs Tariff with a view to establishing a nomenclature valid throughout the Community, which can be operated with the help of data-processing techniques;
 - simplification of the rules on origin of products in trade with the EFTA countries and other trading partners by means of a single certificate attesting country of origin;
 - improvement of Community transit procedure (abolition of transit documentation for goods in free circulation after end of transitional period; greater flexibility in the guarantee system; abolition of transit advice note; replacement of customs controls by examination of companies' accounts);
9. Requests the Council to adopt as soon as possible the Commission's simplification programme and the proposals already submitted to it for Regulations and Directives in this matter;

With regard to the abolition of administrative and technical obstacles to trade

Administrative obstacles

10. Expresses the wish that the procedure for mutual recognition of controls be extended to controls on health, animals and plant life;
11. Points out that so little progress has been made in the matter of harmonization of legal and administrative provisions on public contracts that a large part of the European economy does not enjoy the benefits of the customs unions;
12. Takes the view that competition at Community level in the matter of public contracts could help to lighten the burden on the taxpayer, favour the most energetic undertakings and lead to a better distribution of economic activity within the EEC;
13. Deplores the Council's delay in dealing with this matter and urges that the Council should immediately adopt the Commission's proposals of March 1973 on the coordination of procedures for opening the market for public supply contracts since there are no major technical or legal obstacles to such a decision, and requests the Commission to submit to the Council without delay a programme designed to increasingly open the market for public supply and services contracts (railway, post, electricity supply, telecommunication etc.) taking account of the latest research;

Technical obstacles to trade

14. Points out once again that technical obstacles to trade delay the implementation of free movement of goods, which is an essential element in the internal market;
15. Refers to its resolutions of 14 December 1974 and 10 March 1975 and strongly reiterates its conviction that the abolition of technical obstacles to trade could be accelerated by means of action programmes in legally binding form with framework Directives for the various sectors and also by means of implementing provisions to be enacted by the Commission, pursuant to Article 155 of the Treaty;
16. Requests the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to keep itself continuously informed on the development of the customs union and the further achievement of the internal market and to submit a new report in due course;
17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the committee's report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

RESOLUTION

on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC—Turkey Association
adopted in Copenhagen on 24 April 1975

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the recommendations adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association at its XIXth session in Copenhagen from 21 to 24 April 1975 (Doc. 107/75),

— having regard to the report by the Associations Committee and to the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 182/75),

1. Approves the recommendations adopted on 24 April 1975 by the Joint Parliamentary Committee;
2. Expresses the hope that in view of the eventual full membership of Greece and Turkey in the European Communities, lasting solutions can be negotiated to the differences between them, and welcomes in this context the willingness expressed by the Heads of Government of the two countries at their meeting in Brussels on 31 May 1975 to find a peaceful settlement to the problems confronting them;
3. In the spirit of the declaration of the Foreign Ministers of the Nine on 13 February 1975 in Dublin, reiterates the Community's support for any just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem based on the recognition of a sovereign independent state and on the equality of rights of the island's two communities;
4. Urges the responsible bodies of the Community to ensure that the Community's food aid to the populations of the island is effectively delivered and distributed, regardless of the ethnic community to which they belong or the area in which they live.
5. Considers that in order to strengthen the links established between the Community and Turkey over the past few years, the work of the Association's organs must be intensified and their working methods and decision-making powers adapted to these new realities;
6. Regrets, in consequence, that the Association Council has not met since 14 October 1974 and has not been able to answer the questions put to it by the members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on matters relating to the operation and development of the Association;
7. Notes with satisfaction the new growth in trade between the EEC and Turkey in 1974;
8. Invites the Association Council in this connection to consider ways and means of granting new concessions to be made to Turkish agricultural exports under the first and second agricultural reviews provided for in Article 35 of the Additional Protocol, with a view to reducing Turkey's growing trade deficit with the EEC;
9. With a view to bringing the economic policies of the Association partners closer together, calls for concertation between the Community and Turkey in the GATT multilateral negotiations;
10. Hopes that in the interests of closer financial cooperation between the two parties, the obstacles to free movement of capital within the Association can be progressively reduced;
11. Regrets that the social security measures for Turkish workers and their families moving within the Community, provided for in Article 39 of the Additional Protocol have still not been adopted by the Association Council;
12. Hopes that children of Turkish workers employed in the Community will enjoy the same educational opportunities as the host countries' children — or at least comparable to those afforded to nationals of other Community countries — and suggests that Joint Committees of national and Turkish experts be set up for this purpose and asked to consider the specific problems of integrating them into the host countries' educational systems;
13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, to the Parliaments of the Member States of the Community and to the Turkish Government.

RESOLUTION
on the decisions adopted by the Council of Research Ministers on 26 June 1975

The European Parliament,

- recalling its earlier resolutions on the Community research policy,
 - having regard to the fact that, at its meeting of 26 June 1975, the Council of Research Ministers reached no decisions on the revision of the multiannual programme of the Joint Research Centre or on common energy research
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1. Emphatically supports the proposals submitted by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council in the form approved by Parliament;
 2. Takes the view that the four-year research programme of the Joint Research Centre and the new activities of the Petten establishment decided on in 1973 should be completed by the end of 1976 as planned and that the necessary funds, as approved by Parliament, should be made available;
 3. Warns against the irreparable damage to European research that would follow the rejection or any delay in the adoption of the proposals;
 4. Believes that, in view of the continuing problems as regards the security of the Community's energy supplies, any interruption or delay in the research necessary in this field represents an irresponsible threat to the achievement of Community aims and therefore asks the Council to adopt the necessary decisions as soon as possible;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities on the 'medium-term guidelines for coal 1975-1985'

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission's proposal on medium-term guidelines for coal 1975-1985 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the resolutions it has adopted in the past on this subject, and in particular,
 - on adequate medium- and long-term measures for the further alleviation of the energy supply crisis in the European Community ⁽²⁾,
 - on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a resolution on the objectives of the Community energy policy ⁽³⁾,

1. Reiterates its view that Community hard coal must make a far greater contribution to the security of energy supplies in the Community than hitherto, especially as nuclear energy will not be able to meet expectations as to output by 1985;

2. Feels, therefore, that

- (a) the required energy policy conditions should be created in good time;
- (b) the medium-term guidelines for coal 1975-1985 should be kept under constant review and be extended to form long-term guidelines for all energy activities beyond 1985, with due account taken of the following requests, so that logical long-term decisions may be taken as early as possible by the appropriate organs of the Community;
- (c) the required economic and social policy measures must be taken in good time to provide the Community's coal industry with a basis for reliable long-term planning;
- (d) to fulfil the tasks it is to be set, the Community's coal industry must plan well ahead and can make investments to maintain or increase production only if assured of stable outlets in the long term at proceeds which cover costs of production;

3. Requests the Commission

- (a) to take steps as soon as possible to establish a suitable, long-term ratio of hard coal produced in the Community to that imported from third countries within the framework of a common commercial policy; in so doing, it should refer to the experience of the Member States wherever possible, and recognize the need for import safeguards during periods of temporary weakness in the market;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 22, 30. 1. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 55.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 76, 7. 4. 1975, p. 30.

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- (b) to ensure that subsidy schemes which have proved successful in the Community are extended and used as a common energy policy instrument;
 - (c) also to ensure that all other measures, including stockpiling at the pithead and possibly at consumers' premises, are taken to enable the objective of constant but substantially increased hard coal production within the Community, with assured though fluctuating sales, to be achieved as soon as possible and, to this end, to introduce reference prices — or other suitable measures as a basis of calculation;
 - (d) to increase to an adequate level the funds earmarked for research and development measures in the fields of mining technology, coal processing and coal utilization in view of the tasks to be fulfilled in the future;

4. Calls on the Council, where its agreement is required by the provisions of the ECSC Treaty, to approve proposals from the Commission which correspond to these requests and to regard the fulfilment of these requests as strengthening the political position of the Community and the Member States in the world, especially as it will thus be carrying out in the most effective manner possible the instructions with respect to energy policy issued by the Heads of State or Government of the Community at their various meetings;

5. Considers that even if Member States find themselves obliged to recruit workers from third countries, job security must be guaranteed for all workers in the mining industry. Care must also be taken to ensure that workers from outside the Community are in no way discriminated against and that measures to assure job security and health protection in the mining industry are improved;

6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments of the Member States.

RESOLUTION

on the third financial report on the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund,
year 1973, presented by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council and
the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the third financial report from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council and Parliament (SEC (74) 5246 fin.),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 175/75) and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture,
1. Notes once more the importance of the annual financial report for the study and understanding of the problems arising from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and hopes that the Commission will in future be able to present this report within the time limit laid down;
 2. Believes that if it is to fulfil its growing responsibilities for budgetary control and particularly the control of the collection of income, it should be better informed of the problems arising in the collection of agricultural levies;
 3. Regrets the increasing gap between exchange rates used in estimating income in the Community budget and the representative rates, closer to reality, used in paying aid to farmers, as well as the difficulties which this gap can cause;
 4. Believes that the measures to be taken to bring budgetary estimates more in line with real expenditure should leave the Commission, which has responsibility for examining the budget, enough room for manoeuvre, by a system of up-dating of estimates, providing that this system would respect Parliament's rights under Article 203 (8) of the EEC Treaty;
 5. Invites the Commission to inform Parliament of all transfers of appropriations at the same time as it submits its requests for transfers to the Council, and in any case before the transferred appropriations are used;
 6. Awaits closure of the accounts of the 1967/68 to 1970 financial years as soon as possible;
 7. Recommends that the Commission abolish the financial links between the common agricultural policy and food aid;
 8. Requests the Commission to speed up decisions on individual aid under the guidance section of the EAGGF such that the beneficiaries of individual projects do not have to bear the costs of bridging loans pending payment of the aid due to them;
 9. Declares that the Council is particularly responsible for the new wave of irregularities at the expense of Community finances, because it has not taken the necessary preventive measures;
 10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION
on European Union

The European Parliament,

- recalling the hope repeatedly expressed since the Bonn summit conference in July 1961 and the concrete indications concerning the transformation of the Communities established by the Treaties of Paris and Rome into a single and real economic, social and political Community,
- desirous of seeing practical effect given to all the undertakings solemnly entered into by the Heads of State or Government of the Member States on 1 and 2 December 1969 at The Hague, 19 to 21 October 1972 in Paris, 14 to 15 December 1973 in Copenhagen and 9 to 10 December 1974 in Paris,
- emphasizing its essential role and its responsibilities as an institution representing the peoples joined together in the Community in the efforts to transform all the relations of the Member States into a European Union,
- recalling in particular its resolutions of 5 July 1972, 14 November 1972 and 14 October 1974,
- firmly convinced that the progressive achievement of the Union must be based on the active and conscious participation of the peoples, whose interests it must reflect, and that the European Parliament will, therefore, have to take at all times, with the assistance of the national Parliaments, all initiatives likely to foster and ensure such participation,
- in answer to the desire expressed by the Heads of State or Government for the Community institutions to contribute to the work on European Union and, in particular, to the drawing up of a summary report by Mr Leo Tindemans,

Declares that:

1. The European Union must be conceived as a pluralist and democratic Community whose priority aims are as follows:
 - to ensure strict respect for liberty and human dignity,
 - to promote social justice and solidarity between the Member States and the citizens of the Community, through the establishment of an economic order ensuring full employment and the equitable distribution of incomes and wealth;
 - to oppose resolutely any cause of conflict or tension, in order to contribute towards the maintenance of peace and freedom,
 - to take part in efforts to reduce tension and settle disputes by peaceful means throughout the world and, in Europe, to develop cooperation and security between States;
2. The European Union must be brought about progressively by means of more rational and efficient forms of relations between Member States, taking existing Community achievements as its point of departure through the introduction of a single organization undertaking duties which the Member States can no longer effectively carry out alone, thus avoiding wastage of effort or actions contrary to the cohesion of the Union;
3. The Union must be based on an institutional structure which will ensure its coherence:
 - on a body, within which participation by the Member States in the decision-making process of the Union will be guaranteed,
 - on a Parliament having budgetary powers and powers of control, which would participate on at least an equal footing in the legislative process, as is its right as the representative of the peoples of the Union,
 - on a single decision-making centre which will be in the nature of a real European government, independent of the national Governments and responsible to the Parliament of the Union,

- on the European Court of Justice,
- on an Economic and Social Council, as a consultative body,
- on a European Court of Auditors.

4. The dynamic character of the present Community must be preserved in full, the powers and responsibilities of the Union must be progressively widened, respecting the essential interests of Member States, in particular:

- (a) foreign policy, for which the existing coordination procedures must be further strengthened. New procedures must be developed to enable the Community to speak with a single voice in international politics;
- (b) security policy;
- (c) social and regional policy;
- (d) educational policy;
- (e) economic and monetary policy;
- (f) a Community budgetary policy;
- (g) policy on energy and supplies of raw materials;
- (h) a scientific and technical research policy.

The Union, based on the collective exercise of common responsibilities, must remain open to new tasks.

5. The Union can only be achieved through a process of continuous political development, which must make full use of all the provisions and possibilities of the present treaties and the other procedures which link the Member States, in order to bring about quickly and effectively the degree of solidarity necessary to transform the present Community into an organization whose decisions are binding on all parties.

6. Achievement of the Union therefore necessitates immediate action to ensure real progress in the various Community policies and in the institutional structure, which must take place in parallel.

The European Parliament therefore asks

7. That an immediate start be made on the procedures necessary to allow the election of its Members by direct universal suffrage not later than in 1978, the date indicated by the Heads of Government of the Member States, thus giving proof of the political resolve to advance towards the construction of Europe with the active participation of the peoples;

8. That in the course of 1976 the Commission of the European Communities should submit an overall programme of priority action which will enable the main aims of the Community policies on which the future European Union is based to be achieved before the end of the present decade;

9. That this programme should be submitted to the urgent consideration of Parliament and the Council for such amendment or modification as may be jointly agreed between the two institutions and then for approval and implementation by the Council;

10. That the links which exist between Economic and Monetary Union and European Union, making desirable a parallel development in the two fields, should be recognized, without, however, allowing the lack of progress in one field to be used as a pretext for taking no action in the other;

11. That adjustments to the institutional structure necessary to adapt it to its task in the European Union should now be made, in particular,

- (a) that, in accordance with the Treaties, the Council should abandon the principle of unanimity and meet in public in its legislative capacity;
- (b) that the role of the Commission should be extended to include the primary responsibility for all multilateral relations between Member States; this decision would enable these relations to be simplified and coordinated, while putting an end to the distinction between Community procedures and inter-governmental procedures;

- (c) that the Community decision-making process should be organized in accordance with the following procedure:
 - the Commission, where appropriate on a proposal from Parliament, draws up a draft proposal;
 - this draft is submitted to the Council and Parliament at the same time;
 - the Council proceeds to give consideration to the proposal only after having received the text of Parliament and in the light of that text;
 - until the Council has adopted its conclusions with regard to the proposal the Commission retains the right to amend it in accordance with the provisions of the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
 - if the Council feels it has to make changes in the text of the proposal as approved or amended by Parliament, a conciliation procedure must be set up within time limits to be specified, before the Council takes its decision, and the procedure will continue until Council and Parliament have reached agreement;
- (d) that all the European Parliament's powers should be substantially reinforced by 1980 and that, above all, in the transfer of new powers to the Communities the European Parliament should be given corresponding powers of legislation and control, since this is the only way to ensure that decisions of the European Communities are democratically legitimate;
- (e) that Parliament, in accordance with the wish solemnly affirmed by the Heads of Government of the Member States, should participate fully in the work concerning political cooperation and in all the procedures for coordination and consultation between the Member States;
- (f) that Parliament should participate in the appointment of the Members of the Commission of the Communities to emphasize their democratic legitimacy.

The European Parliament,

- emphasizes that these adjustments — provided for in paragraph 8 *et seq.* — do not involve formal modifications to the existing treaties but are necessary if there is a desire to make real progress towards European Union and give proof of the existence of a political resolve capable of affirming and strengthening the solidarity between the peoples of the Community and between their Governments;
12. Hopes that, with a view to giving the peoples of the Community a sense of common destiny, a 'Charter of the rights of the peoples of the European Community' will be drawn up and that practical measures capable of contributing to the development of a European Community consciousness, which have been requested for some time, will be adopted;
13. Appeals to the national Parliaments to associate themselves with the efforts towards the progressive achievement of European Union capable of responding to the legitimate hopes of the peoples and in particular of youth;
14. Expects the Governments of the Member States, the national Parliaments, the Council and the Commission of the European Communities to act on this resolution and undertake the necessary practical steps to achieve European Union within the time limits laid down;
15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to Mr Tindemans, to the national Parliaments, to the Governments of the Member States, the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Observation by the Danish delegation: Communiqué issued at the end of the Conference of Heads of State or Government of the European Communities, 9 and 10 December 1974 — statement by the Danish delegation: 'The Danish delegation is unable at this stage to commit itself to introducing elections by universal suffrage in 1978.'

RESOLUTION
on the setting up of a committee on rules of procedure and petitions

The European Parliament,

— having regard to Rule 37 of its Rules of Procedure,

Decides:

1. To set up a committee of 18 members responsible for the rules of procedure and petitions;
 2. That the enlarged Bureau shall define the exact competence of this committee;
 3. To amend accordingly the resolution of 11 March 1974, with effect from 1 September 1975.
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RESOLUTION
on the latest terrorist attack in Jerusalem

The European Parliament,

— alarmed at the latest terrorist attack in Jerusalem, for which the PLO has claimed responsibility,

1. Condemns all use of force to solve political problems;
 2. In this spirit, warns against the danger which continued terrorist activities constitute for world peace and for Euro-Arab relations;
 3. To preserve the untroubled nature of these relations, invites the Council and Commission of the European Communities to convey this sentiment to their partners in the Euro-Arab dialogue;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States and to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine, Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions, Regulation (EEC) No 865/68 on the common organization of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables and Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff**
- II. — a Regulation on measures intended to adapt wine potential to market requirements**
 - amendments (proposed within the meaning of Article 149, second paragraph of the Treaty) modifying Regulations (EEC) No 816/70 and (EEC) No 817/70, taking into account the Council resolution of 21 April 1975 on new arrangements for balancing of the market in table wines**

The European Parliament,

having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council, submitted—on 5 November 1974 ⁽¹⁾,

- having been consulted by the Council in accordance with Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 363/74),
- having regard to the Council resolution of 21 April 1975 ⁽²⁾ concerning new guidelines designed to balance the market in table wines,
- having regard to subsequent modifications by the Commission of its initial proposals, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty and in the light of the abovementioned Council resolution of 21 April 1975 (Doc. 177/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 187/75),
- considering that the serious situation that arose within the Community in March and April of this year and threatened to disrupt the mechanisms provided for in the Treaty and in subsequent Community legislation, was finally resolved by the resumption of trade made possible by the Council's Acts of 15 April 1975;
- considering that on that occasion the Council restated the need for a balance between the control of planting, market guarantees and the improvement of quality, and that the conditions for such a balance are not to be found in the modifications made by the Commission to its proposals of 5 November 1974,
- considering that on the basis of the report submitted to the Council on the estimated development of the areas planted and replanted with wine in the Community and on the existing ratio between production and utilization in the wine-growing sector ⁽³⁾, the Commission is emphasizing the tendency for wine-growing capacity (production areas cultivated and yields) to increase more rapidly than consumption,
- considering that vine cultivation is the principal source of income for a large number of farmers, and is therefore a fundamental component of the total economy of certain regions of the Community,
- considering, in the light of the recent discussions on the 'stocktaking' of the common agricultural policy submitted by the Commission, that wine-growing is one of those plant production sectors that, unlike other sectors, has not yet been assured of equal and effective assistance to enjoy the advantages of the single market, financial solidarity and Community preference, and moreover is seriously disadvantaged by the fact that it is an arboreal culture with a relatively long agronomic cycle,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 31, 8. 2. 1975, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 90, 23. 4. 1975, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ See SEC(74) 3356 fin., 17. 9. 1974.

- considering, therefore, that Community Regulations for the wine-growing sector must ensure a balance between control of planting and income guarantees and that the possibility of limiting the extension of the area under vines must be accompanied by appropriate intervention mechanisms and the fixing of adequate price levels,
 - considering, moreover, that strict control of planting ought to be incorporated within a broader framework of aid to improve wine quality and of measures relating to oenological practice, to controls and to the prevention of frauds,
1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal, but invites the Commission, pursuant to Article 149 of the EEC Treaty, to take account of the observations and amendments set out below and requests it to ensure that all the Regulations in this sector are applied with a view to guaranteeing vine cultivators appropriate incomes while avoiding the growth of difficulties on the market because of structural surpluses, uncontrolled imports from third countries or fraudulent practices, which must be severely repressed in order to give consumers certainty as to product quality;
 2. Invites the Commission to draw up and submit as soon as possible a forecast of production and consumption in the light of the measures proposed, so that the real effectiveness of the system proposed can be checked;
 3. Considers desirable a more thorough approach to this entire matter and a consultation similar to that carried out when the original Regulation on the wine growing sector was adopted;

I. Production and control of planting development

4. Recognizes that, in view of the present economic situation, planting must be controlled;
5. Feels, however, that the limitation of new planting cannot be imposed on all Community wine-growing areas and insists that machinery be set up to enable control of planting to be governed by factors peculiar to the different regions and limited to those areas where there has been difficulty in selling wine, with consequent recourse to distillation;
6. Invites the Commission to replace as soon as possible the prohibition system by a strict authorization system adapted to each individual region and vine variety;
7. Asks that when marking off 'vine renewal areas', the analysis should take into account above all the wine producing aptitude of the various production areas without penalizing those where major conversion and rationalization efforts have been made;
8. Feels that there is no justification for a general prohibition of new planting for the production of quality wines produced in specified regions, as this cannot be blamed for the crisis, and that it is not sufficient to hint at the possibility of making exceptions to this prohibition in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 7 of Regulation No 24;
9. Agrees to the establishment of a system of authorizations for replanting, but insists on the need not to endanger hill vineyards; recommends, therefore, that when decisions are being taken on these authorizations, account should be taken of farming traditions in the areas concerned, the necessity for specialization and the need to speed up the replacement of unauthorized types of wine;
10. Fears that the rule whereby authorization is given in wine renewal areas for the replanting of one acre for every one and a half acres grubbed up for a period of less than six years will only lead to an effort to achieve higher yields by moving the vineyards to low ground, with a consequent abandonment of hill cultivation, whereas the latter should be maintained, notwithstanding the lower yields, for quality reasons;
11. Considers that the rules concerning the right to take into consideration the uprooting of vines in a farm other than that of the applicant himself should be modified so as not to give rise to a veritable speculation in licences, the practical consequences of which would be to encourage small producers to give up their hillside vineyards, thus favouring the creation on the flat areas of large production units run by business consortia;

12. Feels, however, that the prohibition on planting, as also refusal to authorize replanting and the refusal of aid to new planting and to replanting which does not come up to specified quality standards, could in practice play a very useful part in bringing about adjustments within the framework of overall agricultural planning, with particular reference to Directive No 159 of 1972;
13. Strongly favours replanting subsidies in wine-growing regions provided they are subject to strict regulations governing vine varieties and their distribution, with the aim of producing high-quality wines exactly adapted to local soil conditions;
14. Is prepared to accept the principle that wine should not be made from table grapes, though it stresses that such grapes mixed with grapes of the traditional wine-producing types produce a table wine with a natural alcohol content far higher than that obtained in other areas of the Community with wines which are approved;
15. Feels, however, that this prohibition makes sense only if it is incorporated into a serious overall policy for the qualitative improvement of varietal classifications;
16. Warns against the unfavourable effects that an immediate application of this prohibition could have in certain areas and feels, therefore, that recourse must be had to the regulation on fruit and vegetables to protect the income of producers whose grapes can no longer be used for the production of wine;
17. Feels that a measure to grant aids for the voluntary grubbing up of vines to be eliminated from the permitted classification in unsuitable regions should be added as soon as possible to the present package of proposed measures;

II. The price and intervention arrangements

18. Considers that, with a view to ensuring the effectiveness of the various intervention measures, prices to producers should be fixed at appropriate levels, so as to prevent the creation of structural surpluses without causing social difficulties;
19. Is of the opinion that the intervention measures should become operative before rates fall to levels which are too low in relation to the activating prices for intervention;
20. Notes the reasons given for linking Community intervention measures with the level of the Community weighted average price, but also considers it necessary to have intervention at regional level so as to avoid the spread of a crisis situation and consequently more costly commitments;
21. Agrees with the idea of having recourse to compulsory preventive distillation;
22. Feels that by analogy with the provisions adopted in other sectors, such as powdered milk, some thought should be given to the possibility of granting aid for transport from the wine-growers' cellars to the distillation plants;
23. Invites the Commission to urge the administrations concerned to pay distillation allowances promptly so that the wine-growers' cooperatives will not be forced by delays aggravated by the difficulty in obtaining bank credits, to dump their product on the market at low prices so as to acquire the minimum of ready cash that they need to keep going;
24. Feels that the effective capacity of distillation plants should be increased by promoting rationalization and placement in the areas concerned;
25. Takes the view that measures for compulsory preventive distillation should be related to the quality of the product and that this kind of intervention can be usefully applied only in the case of 'flawed wines' which do not reach the minimum acceptable grade by the standards of the region in question;

26. Welcomes the improved arrangements for aids towards the storage of table wines, grape musts and concentrated musts, as also for the sale of these musts for the production of grape juice, concentrated grape juice and concentrated must;
27. Feels, however, that it is essential that the aids in question should be fixed at sufficiently encouraging level to enable these measures to influence effectively the way in which the sale of these products is staggered over the course of the year and the wide range of final uses to which the grapes can be put;
28. Feels that aids towards the storage of musts are an effective incentive calculated to make enrichment by means of musts increasingly competitive with enrichment by other methods, thereby avoiding the risk of fraudulent practices;

III. Oenological practices and quality standards

29. Reiterates its reservations regarding the use of sugar, especially in aqueous solution, as a means of increasing alcoholic strength, particularly in the case of table wines, and, while recognizing the necessity for this in certain limited areas, has serious doubts about it because of the abuses to which this practice may give rise;
30. Stresses firmly, on the other hand, that enrichment by means of grape musts should be encouraged;
31. Invites the Commission to take account of other criteria of quality besides the natural alcoholic content, in the first place as an effective follow-up to the Council recommendation that wine production should aim at rigid standards of quality and also to provide an overall balance to the strictness with which the Commission is approaching controls in the matter of planting;
32. Requests the Commission to seek as in the past, a solution allowing the use of certain wines stronger than 15 degrees outside the production zones;
33. Urges that the problem of controls be solved uniformly, so that fraud prevention can be carried out on the basis of the most reliable and incontrovertible data, even across the frontiers of individual Member States;

IV. Wine consumption

34. Feels that both in its analyses and in its proposals the Commission has almost entirely overlooked the possibility and the advisability of increasing outlets and uses for wine in third countries.
35. Hopes in this connection that practical proposals will be introduced for a system of aids to producers for marketing and for the establishment of bottling plants;
36. Regrets that the Commission has not submitted concrete proposals for the gradual elimination of the tax burdens of various kinds that weigh heavily on Community wine consumption;
37. Invites the Commission to submit proposals immediately and not to neglect this aspect of the problem, which is a vital factor in the endeavours to achieve a total overall balance between conditions of supply and conditions of demand, particularly as in periods of economic crisis there is a serious danger of a fall in the demand for wine;

V. Trade with third countries

38. Welcomes the Council Decisions of 23 and 24 June of this year on reference prices and import certificates for wines from the Maghreb countries;

39. Feels that it would in general be essential to strengthen rules on protection to meet the situation created by all these imports;

40. Agrees with the new version of Article 33a designed to permit a special distillation as a result of the imports from the Maghreb countries;

41. Is, moreover, of the opinion that the costs of any special intervention necessary to protect producer income in the event of unusually large imports should be financed separately and not charged to the EAGGF Guarantee Section, to the detriment of the resources earmarked for the normal functioning of the common agricultural policy;

VI. Quality wines psr

42. Does not consider it appropriate to provide for the possibility of authorizing exceptional enrichment apart from that laid down for table wines;

43. Agrees with the restriction of the designation of a specified area to quality wines, and that derogations may persist for a transitional period, on condition, however, that this does not give rise to confusion;

44. Considers that five years after the entry into force of the basic Regulation the free movement of products must at all events be guaranteed;

45. Requests the Commission to submit to Parliament and to the Council a complete codified text of Community legislation in force, with a view to permitting easier consultation and better information of those affected;

46. Finally, draws attention to the necessity for resuming as soon as possible the study of the common organization of the market in alcohol, in view of the importance this has for the wine-growing sector and for the agricultural sector in general.

RESOLUTION

amending the resolution of 12 March 1973 on the number and composition of committees

The European Parliament,

— having regard to Rule 37 of its Rules of Procedure,

Decides to amend as follows its resolution of 12 March 1973 on the number and composition of committees:

1. The Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth shall consist of 30 members each;
 2. The Committee on Agriculture shall consist of 35 members.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the draft Treaty proposed by the Council amending certain financial provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Communities and of the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities (section on budgetary procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having been consulted by the Council on 12 February 1975 pursuant to Article 236 of the Treaty (Doc. 501/74),
- having regard to the letter from the Council (PE 39.884) setting out the main considerations which guided the Council in its deliberations,
- recalling the proposals from the Commission to the Council (COM(73) 1000 fin.),
- recalling its resolutions of 5 July 1973 (¹) and 5 October 1973 (²),
- having regard to the meetings between its delegation and the Council on 25 June, 13 September and 14 October 1974 and to the communications from the President of the Parliament to the President of the Council of 20 September 1974 (PE 38.000/fin.) and 22 October 1974 (PE 38.554),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 166/75) and the Opinion of the Political Affairs Committee,

I. The ongoing process of increasing the Parliament's budgetary powers

1. Draws attention to the fact that the present revision of the Treaties is being undertaken in accordance with the solemn commitments given by the Council and the Commission to the European Parliament and national Parliaments on the signing of the Treaty of 22 April 1970;
2. Regrets that there has been some delay in the process of revision but acknowledges the quality of the dialogue conducted on this occasion between the institutions which enabled their positions to be brought closer together;
3. Notes that the draft revision proposed by the Council, despite practical progress in relation to the Treaty of 22 April 1970, remains too far behind the Commission's proposal (³), only partly respects the commitments given and bears witness to a lack of political resolve in the Council to ensure the democratic development of the Community;

(¹) OJ No C 62, 31. 7. 1973.

(²) OJ No C 87, 17. 10. 1973.

(³) COM(73) 1000 fin.

4. Therefore considers that the text proposed by the Council — subject to the reservations set out below — allows no more than a relative and provisional increase in the Parliament's budgetary powers;
5. States that the spirit underlying this revision in no way gives it sufficient scope to provide the rights and responsibility which the European Parliament must have in the budgetary sector;
6. Is of the opinion that in the context of the ongoing process of increasing Parliament's powers recognized by the Council itself, a result must be achieved by 31 December 1976 granting the Parliament full budgetary powers;

II. Progress to be made in the context of this revision of the Treaties

A. Creation of revenue

Recourse to loans

7. Notes that different types of Community loans exist at present or are planned, without any clear definition of their relationship to the Community budget;
8. Requests, in conformity with the Commission's proposal, that the issuing of loans on the basis of the Treaties be settled in the context of the budgetary procedure, and effected on a proposal from the Commission and in agreement between the Council and the Parliament.

Fixing the annual rate of revenue accruing from value added tax

(Parliament's responsibility for revenue and expenditure)

9. Points out that its budgetary powers extend both to the creation of revenue and to the commitment of expenditure; therefore considers it important for the Council and Parliament to agree on the procedure enabling the annual value added tax rate of revenue accruing from value added tax⁽¹⁾ to be fixed when the budget is adopted;
10. Believes, in conformity with the Commission's proposal and in accordance with Article 4 (1) of the Decision of 21 April 1970, that the fixing of the annual rate of revenue accruing from value added tax forms part of the budgetary procedure and must be expressly provided for in the text of the Treaties;

B. Adoption of expenditure

Distinction between compulsory and non-compulsory expenditure

Maximum rate of increase for non-compulsory expenditure

11. Notes the provisional agreements between the Institutions whereby

- (a) compulsory and non-compulsory expenditure is to be fixed pragmatically each year by joint agreement between the Council and the Parliament on the basis of the Commission's proposals;
- (b) the maximum rate of increase for non-compulsory expenditure must not be made in artificial obstacle to extending current policies and applying new policies;

Procedure in respect of proposed modifications

12. Affirms that on the basis of the present inter-institutional relationship in the budgetary sector, a proposal of Parliament may be dismissed only if the Council rejects it by a majority of the votes of its members;

⁽¹⁾ Decision of 21 April 1970.

13. Therefore maintains, in agreement with the Commission's proposal which was amended to this effect on the basis of Parliament's Opinion, that the Council must decide by a majority of the votes of its members in order to reject a proposed modification which would lead to an increase in the total amount of compulsory expenditure of a particular body; if no decision on rejection is taken, the proposed modification must be deemed to be adopted;

Fixing a new annual rate of increase for non-compulsory expenditure

14. Notes that the fixing of a new annual rate of increase for non-compulsory expenditure should no longer be dependent on the condition of 'exceptional circumstances';

15. Considers that for the decision to be taken by Parliament, a simple majority of votes cast should be sufficient, if agreement exists with the Council on the fixing of a new rate;

16. Is of the opinion that if agreement cannot be reached between the Council and Parliament, the new rate should be fixed either by the Assembly acting by a majority of its members and three-fifths of the votes cast, or by the Council, acting unanimously with no abstentions;

Rejection of the draft budget

17. Notes with satisfaction that it is being accorded the right to reject the draft budget in its entirety and undertakes to make use of this right only when it has important and precisely defined reasons for doing so;

Control of implementation of the budget

Discharge

18. Accepts the responsibility conferred on it alone to grant to the Commission on a recommendation of the Council, a discharge in respect of implementation of the budget;

19. Considers it necessary, however, in the light of experience, to be able to grant a discharge without awaiting the Council's recommendation where the Council, without urgent reasons, exceeds the time limits laid down in the Financial Regulation;

Amendment of the Financial Regulation

20. Notes the agreement reached with the Council whereby, at the request of Parliament, the amendment of the Financial Regulation is to be the subject of a conciliation procedure;

III. Progress necessary in the immediate future

Increase in own resources

21. Affirms that the financial autonomy of the Communities in the future can only be ensured if own resources can be adapted to the financing requirements of Community policies on the basis of Community procedures;

22. Therefore believes, in agreement with the Commission's proposal, that Parliament must be granted the possibility, on the basis of the Treaties, of altering the maximum amount of existing own resources or fixing new revenue on a proposal from the Commission and with the agreement of the Council;

Conciliation procedure

23. Recalls the agreement reached between the institutions to allow the Parliament, through a conciliation procedure, to participate effectively in the definition and adoption of important decisions taken in particular on the basis of Article 235 of the EEC Treaty and resulting in further expenditure to be met by the Communities;

24. Stresses its reservations on certain essential aspects of this procedure and points with particular emphasis to the fact that it does not create the mechanism of co-decision desired by Parliament;
25. Recalls, however, that it was willing to try out this procedure in order to ascertain the spirit in which it is applied by the institutions;
26. States that this procedure would have to be further improved and extended to provide the framework for the progressive exercise of Parliament's legislative powers;

Distinction between compulsory and non-compulsory expenditure

Rate of increase of non-compulsory expenditure

27. Criticises in the light of experience, the arbitrary and ambiguous distinction between compulsory and non-compulsory expenditure;
28. Believes that this distinction must be abolished in order to enable the European Parliament fully to exercise its budgetary powers;

IV. Conclusions

29. Requests the Council to embody the following additions and amendments in the draft for the revision of the Treaties;
30. Expects the Commission and Council to conform their commitment to ensure the continuation of the ongoing process of increasing Parliament's powers so that it will be endowed with comprehensive and complete budgetary powers by 31 December 1976;
31. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of the Committee on Budgets to the Parliaments of the Member States and to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the draft Treaty proposed by the Council amending certain financial provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Communities and the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities (section on the establishment of a European Court of Auditors)

The European Parliament,

- having been consulted by the Council on 12 February 1975 in application of Article 236 of the Treaty on the draft Treaty amending certain financial provisions (Doc. 501/74);
 - having regard to the explanatory letter (PE 39.884/BUR) of the same date indicating the considerations which guided the Council in its deliberations;
 - recalling the proposals from the Commission to the Council (COM(73) 1000/fin.) concerning the creation of a European Court of Auditors;
 - recalling its resolutions of 5 July 1973 (¹) and 5 October 1973 (²);
 - having regard to the meetings of the delegation of the European Parliament with the Council on 25 June 1974, 13 September 1974, and 14 October 1974 and the communications from the President of the European Parliament to the President of the Council of 20 September 1974 (PE 38.151/ann and PE 38.000/def.) and 22 October 1974 (PE 38.554);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 167/75);
1. Recalls that the European Parliament has been in the forefront of the campaign to improve the auditing practice of the Community and that it has consequently called for an independent external auditing body in the form of a European Court of Auditors;
 2. Observes with satisfaction
 - (i) that the draft Treaty seeks to guarantee the complete independence of the proposed European Court of Auditors,
 - (ii) that the proposed Court will be able to conduct on-the-spot verifications in the institutions of the Community and in the Member States,
 - (iii) that the proposed Court will have the right to demand from the institutions of the Community and the national audit bodies any document or information necessary to carry out its task;
 3. Believes, however, that the European Parliament could unreservedly approve the provisions setting up the European Court of Auditors only if the Council undertook to obtain parliamentary assent on the appointment of members of the Court;
 4. Considers that the competences of the Court should be defined more precisely in the light of experience after the Court has been set up;
 5. Urges that the powers of the Court should not be curtailed by limitation of its activities to the examination of the accounts but that it should be allowed to scrutinize the entire process of operations under examination;
 6. Requests that the Council should adopt the amendments set out hereinafter;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Parliaments of the Member States and the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(¹) OJ No C 62, 31. 7. 1973.

(²) OJ No C 87, 17. 10. 1973.

RESOLUTION
on the report of the ECSC Auditor for the financial year 1973

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the ECSC Auditor for the financial year 1973 (Doc. 266/74);
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 140/75);

I. The importance of the audit of the ECSC's financial and budgetary operations

1. Considers, as the recipient of the Auditor's report and as the institution first called upon to assess the financial activities of the ECSC — which the Commission of the Communities determines and administers — that:
 - (a) external control by the Auditor should go beyond the purely accounting aspect of the subject matter involved, and should be strengthened in its capacity and ability to obtain all necessary information for providing Parliament with a complete assessment of the financial management and the results achieved;
 - (b) it is increasingly important that the precise aims of the audit be fixed during the year;
2. Notes with satisfaction that the Auditor's report for 1973 reflects these needs and does enable Parliament to assess not only the accounting responsibilities but — and above all — the financial responsibilities linked to the administration of the policies laid down in the ECSC Treaty;

II. The Commission's responsibilities as regards the policies laid down in the ECSC Treaty

3. Notes with satisfaction the commitments entered into and the decisions taken by the Commission in response to Parliament's resolution of 11 December 1973 and concerning:
 - (a) more precise definition of its general and financial policy;
 - (b) the attempt by the Commission's services to achieve greater coordination of ECSC activities;
 - (c) the decision to have the Commission adopt the annual balance sheet;
4. Is, however, of the opinion, particularly in view of the criticisms in the Auditor's report for 1973, that the activities resulting from the application of the ECSC Treaty should be reimbursed with the scope and impact given to them by the ECSC High Authority; therefore calls upon the Commission to strengthen its efforts with a view to maintaining and reinvigorating these activities;

III. The nature and establishment of the annual balance sheet

5. Notes that, following the Auditor's remarks, the annual balance sheet of the ECSC is now also being drawn up according to the principles of the Directives issued by the Council on 28 January 1972;
6. Considers it essential, to enable Parliament to exercise its powers in full knowledge of the situation, that the ECSC's accounts should indicate the precise nature of commitments entered into, account being taken of the currencies concerned, thus allowing the necessary comparisons to be made;

IV. Specific observations

7. Appreciates the Auditor's work in the field of technical, economic and social research, which has finally led to the setting up of a schedule of due dates that makes possible the control of expenditure at different stages of the procedures and consequently an assessment of the merits of the various policies;
8. Notes that, since 1973, the Auditor has been able to carry out part of the task assigned to him by Parliament in the fields referred to above, and expects him to draw, as he has indicated, final and complete conclusions in his 1974 report;
9. Appreciates the efforts made by the Commission
 - (a) to shorten the decision-making procedures involved in the financing of research;
 - (b) to assure proper application of financial agreements linked to each contract;
 - (c) to draw up rapidly financial reports summarizing the performance of contracts and detailed technical and scientific reports;
 - (d) to try to prepare technical research programmes in accordance with the annual timetable used by the High Authority;
 - (e) to put at the disposal of the Committee on Budgets all essential details of the schedule of due dates for research;
10. Is compelled, however, in view of the large number of comments made by the Auditor on research activities, to ask the Commission to exercise greater care in its management with a view, among other things, to preventing other causes of deterioration of the present situation from arising;
11. Emphasizes the increasing significance of the ECSC's borrowing and lending activities and repeats its request that it be kept informed of the overall credit policy pursued by the Commission and of the general criteria governing its development;
12. Calls upon the Commission to devise and keep constantly under review a precisely defined policy for the investment of its funds;
13. Approves the Commission's policy which offers, on the basis of its financial assets, reliable guarantees to lenders of funds, thus assuring the success of the ECSC's financial activities on the capital market; emphasizes, moreover, that these guarantees are strengthened by the existence of the ECSC's own powers of levy;

V. The main figures in the 1973 financial year

14. Notes that:

(a) *expenditure* rose to 175 034 035 u.a. allocated broadly as follows:

— servicing of borrowings and guarantees	79 566 780 u.a.
— budgetary expenditure	40 042 094 u.a.
including readaptation	5 081 991 u.a.
research	11 670 438 u.a.
administrative expenditure	18 000 000 u.a.
other expenditure	5 289 665 u.a.

(b) *revenues were apportioned as follows:*

— servicing of loans and guarantees	73 352 500 u.a.
— levy	62 894 027 u.a.
— income from bank accounts and contributions from the new Member States, etc.	38 787 508 u.a.

15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION
on index-linking of savings

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Lord Reay (Doc. 365/74);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 165/75);
1. Considers that the problems associated with the index-linking of savings give rise to differences of opinion and involve a great many economic and technical uncertainties;
 2. Therefore invites the Commission of the European Communities to examine further the entire range of problems connected with index-linking and more particularly the protection of savings;
 3. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to submit a report on the findings of this study when it is completed;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on those parts of the Eighth General Report on the Activities of the European Communities
which fall within the terms of reference of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment

The European Parliament,

- having regard to those parts of the Eighth General Report on the Activities of the European Communities (Doc. 500/74) which fall within the terms of reference of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 149/75),

A. The report on activities in 1974

1. Regrets that the Council was not able in the period under review to agree on the introduction of the principles of free movement of pharmaceuticals in the Community, but welcomes the fact that agreement was largely reached in February 1975;
2. Stresses the urgent need for the first programme of the European Economic Community for consumer information and protection to be put into operation soon, with due account taken of the European Parliament's Opinion, and therefore criticizes the fact that the Council, which undertook to adopt this programme as soon as possible and by July 1974 at the latest, did not do so until March 1975;
3. Attaches great importance to the activities of the Consumers' Consultative Committee, and therefore requests the Commission always to attach this committee's Opinion to any future proposals for harmonization which contain provisions relevant to consumer protection so that the European Parliament may examine such proposals in full knowledge of the facts;
4. Welcomes the fact that the Commission has always placed the protection of the consumer's health in the forefront in its work in the food sector and that the Scientific Committee on Foodstuffs which was set up by the Decision of 16 April 1974 and is to be consulted on questions of the protection of human life and human health in the sphere of food consumption, has recently started work;
5. Calls on the Commission to apply the system of total harmonization wherever necessary to satisfy the overriding requirement of the protection of public health and safety, whereas in other cases optional harmonization is sufficient for maintaining freedom of choice and multiplicity of supply in the Community, and insists that work to achieve uniform legislation on food should be energetically pursued with this end in view;
6. Notes with satisfaction that progress has been achieved in the case of the research called for in Article 55 of the ECSC Treaty in the fields of safety, health protection and protection of the environment and looks forward with interest to the action programme proposed by the Commission on occupational safety, industrial hygiene and health protection at work;

7. Pays tribute to the activities of the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission and the Mines Safety and Health Commission, but reiterates the appeal it has been making for many years for a considerable increase in the staff of the secretariats of these two commissions, so that their daily, practical work may be fully effective, particularly through the achievement of a substantial reduction of safety and health risks;

8. Is disappointed that the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work set up by the Council Decision of 27 June 1974 has taken a year to begin its practical work because the Council for a long time proved incapable of nominating its members;

9. Welcomes the first results of the meeting of the Council of Ministers responsible for environmental protection held on 7 November 1974 and expects the Council to continue to adopt by the appointed time the measures provided for in the programme of action on the environment of 22 November 1973 while taking account of the European Parliament's Opinions;

10. Applauds the work done by the Commission in submitting to the Council since the end of 1973 almost 20 proposals for Regulations and Directives, recommendations and resolutions, in extending its activities at international level and in continuing its work under the information agreement of 5 March 1973;

11. Emphatically supports the Commission's willingness to press for the necessary purification of the waters of the Rhine, in so far as it is able to do so; encourages it to strengthen its participation in the Rhine Commission and to offer coordinating aid to the Member States France, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Netherlands to support their efforts;

12. Attaches great importance to the harmonization proposed by the Commission of the methods of supervising the protection of man and the environment against radioactivity emitted by nuclear power stations and to the planned establishment of Community criteria and health standards as a means of achieving effective protection of the environment;

13. Supports the Commission in its efforts to harmonize methods of establishing nuclear facility safety requirements and the resulting secondary requirements (in particular the preparation and transportation of the irradiated material, transportation and storing of waste) and drawing up safety standards, since they have proved to be urgently necessary in view of the increasing production of nuclear energy;

14. Welcomes the 'environmental research' action to be carried out within the framework of the research programme authorized for the years 1973 to 1975, regarding it as worthy of scientific and technical support under the programme of action on the environment of 22 November 1973, and hopes that this action will soon produce practical results representing a valuable contribution to further practical measures to protect the environment;

15. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission has been able to maintain the quality and intensity of Euratom safety supervision despite the considerable increase in the number of substances subject to controls as a result of the accession of the new Member States, this being largely due to the development of measuring devices at the nuclear research centres which permit the rationalization of control procedures;

16. Regrets that the Commission contented itself with making a non-binding recommendation to the Member States on 20 December 1974 on the protection of birds and their natural habitat and calls on the Commission to review its position and to meet its obligations under the programme of action on the environment by submitting proposals for Regulations or Directives that are binding on all the Member States;

17. Approves of the work being done by the Commission on the harmonization of safety in the transport sector and calls on the Council to act more quickly in adopting the numerous proposals now before it, thus making a valuable contribution to reducing the number of victims of traffic accidents;

B. The Commission's programme for 1975

18. Looks forward with interest to the submission announced by the Commission of the Communities' Second Programme of Action on the Environment, which in particular will include measures to prevent waste, and reserves the right to give its Opinion on the draft programme in due course;

19. Criticizes the fact that the Commission does not intend to submit until the end of 1975 the annual report on the state of environmental protection in the Community for which provision is made in the first programme of action, and demands, as it has done in the past, that this report be submitted to the European Parliament and published on the 'Day of the Environment' (6 June) each year;

20. Calls on the Commission and Council to implement the European Communities' consumer information and protection programme quickly and in accordance with the timetable.

RESOLUTION
on the European schools system

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the statute of the European School of 12 April 1957, including the annexed Agreement laying down Regulations for the European baccalaureate;
- having regard to the protocol of 13 April 1962 on the setting up of European Schools;
- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council of 11 March 1974 on education in the European Community;
- having regard to the statement of 13 January 1975 (¹) by the Commission of the European Communities on the implementation of the resolutions of the Council of Ministers of Education (Doc. 251/74);
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 113/75);

(¹) Debates of the European Parliament No 185, January 1975, p. 9.

1. Refers to its resolution of 10 March 1966 ⁽¹⁾ on the European Schools and their development, and to the resolution of 8 February 1972 ⁽²⁾ on youth and educational policy in the context of the European Communities;
2. Expresses its satisfaction at the existence of a European educational system which is able to teach children from the Member States from infancy to university entrance in their own mother tongues;
3. Expresses its appreciation of the joint tuition following harmonized curricula, which have to safeguard the possibility of integration or re-integration of children into their home countries' system;
4. Is convinced that if the experience acquired is taken into account in future development, this school system could become an example for Community cooperation in the field of education and make a significant contribution to the promotion of European integration;
5. Considers it essential for admissions to the European Schools to continue to be guaranteed to children of Community and European school staff;
6. Considers, nevertheless, that the European Schools should be more ready to admit the children of migrant workers from Community Member States than has been the case hitherto;
7. Therefore urges that the present criteria for admission should be amended accordingly;
8. Considers in this connection that there is also an urgent need to set up more European Schools in the areas where the Community institutions are based, and European Schools already exist, as it is essential, for educational and functional reasons, that the generally accepted optimum pupil figures per language section or school should not be exceeded;
9. Takes the view that the increased admission of migrant workers' children will fail to achieve its purpose unless it is accompanied by the following measures:
 - (a) pre-school education must be given to these children with a view to breaking down educational and particularly linguistic barriers at the earliest possible stage,
 - (b) on completion of primary school, children must be assigned to classes on the basis of attainment rather than age,
 - (c) shorter school courses must be offered which do not lead directly to the baccalaureate but equip pupils for learning a skilled occupation,
 - (d) the language of the host country must be offered as a foreign language already in the primary school, since in socially underprivileged families, the children do not always acquire a satisfactory command of the local language;
10. Notes that no solution has yet been found for a common system of teacher secondment in the interests of the school;
11. Is of the opinion that the teacher recruitment procedures are in need of improvement and that fixed-period teaching contracts, in which the interests of the European Schools would have to be the primary consideration, will not be desirable or necessary until the need and occasion arise for using experience acquired in the European School service in national education;
12. Continues to regard the setting up of an educational institute as of great importance with a view to researching curriculum development, suggesting solutions to educational problems, preparing the necessary reforms, providing introductory, advanced or refresher courses for teachers and generally organizing and scientifically testing the medical and psychological services, possibly with the aid of the Statistical Office of the European Communities ;

⁽¹⁾ Debates of the European Parliament No 84, March 1966.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 19, 28. 2. 1972, p. 20.

13. Considers it necessary to accelerate educational reforms, taking into account national educational developments with particular reference to methodology and pedagogy, the organization of curricula, assessment of performance and the transitional and school-leaving examination systems;
14. Regrets that there is no instruction in community or social affairs in the European Schools and takes the view that the Governments responsible for the European Schools should agree in the foreseeable future on the syllabus and nature of such a course;
15. Feels that a greater effort should be made than hitherto to acquaint the pupils of the European Schools with European Community affairs and the question of European integration in the context of the subjects covered by their school curriculum;
16. Considers it important for the pupils to be given systematic careers guidance which is not restricted to local arrangements and opportunities;
17. Proposes that the areas in which co-decision by the various groups involved with the European Schools is possible should be established without delay and their limits defined, care being taken to ensure a broader transfer of decision-making from central level to the schools, as such a system would be functionally more efficient than giving the groups involved the theoretical opportunity of exerting pressure at top level;
18. Calls on the Council of Ministers of Education, in consultation with the Board of Governors, to convert the European School structure within a reasonable period into a Community institution within the competence of the existing Communities and asks for appropriate measures to be taken in the short term to ensure more flexible administration in the European Schools and a more speedy implementation of the necessary reforms, e.g. by delegating responsibility at local levels and strengthening the Secretariat of the Board of Governors;
19. Shares the view of the Commission of the European Communities that it should regularly be informed of the reports by the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the European Schools' budget, and of the annual report of the Board of Governors;
20. Asks its committee responsible to keep a watching brief on the development of the European Schools and to report to Parliament on this matter as necessary;
21. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and to the Board of Governors of the European Schools.

RESOLUTION

**on the information memo from the Commission of the European Communities concerning
the allocation of aid to higher education institutions**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the information memo from the Commission of the European Communities concerning the allocation of aid to higher education institutions (SEC (75) 655);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 148/75);
1. Believes that the Community should, by financial assistance given as an incentive, encourage higher education institutions whose aim is to organize the teaching of subjects related to European integration or to introduce courses on such subjects;
 2. Considers that the sums hitherto allocated have made only limited action possible, and thus reduce the credibility of the Community's efforts;
 3. Shares the Commission's views that aid must primarily take the form of incentives but that the budgetary authorities may decide to allocate grants to certain existing institutions;
 4. Requests the Commission to study needs in this field within the Community, and, on the basis of a cost analysis, to propose larger appropriations; requests it moreover to ensure that suitable publicity is given to these appropriations so as to avoid any discrimination, and that effective control is exercised over the funds allocated;
 5. Urges closer cooperation between higher education institutions studying the problems of European integration or organizing courses on this subject and requests the Commission to encourage cooperation among institutions receiving Community funds;
 6. Believes that the financing, in accordance with the particular needs of each country, of higher education institutions involved with European integration is primarily the responsibility of the Member States, and requests them to make greater efforts in this area;
 7. Hopes that efforts will also be made to provide information on European integration in secondary schools;
 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.
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RESOLUTION
on education in the European Community

The European Parliament

- having regard to the resolution adopted by the Ministers of Education meeting within the Council on 6 June 1974 ⁽¹⁾;
- 1. Notes that it was not possible for the meeting of Ministers of Education of the Member States to take place in June 1975;
- 2. Notes, moreover, that despite the intensive efforts of the Commission of the European Communities, the Education Committee has so far been unable to reach a consensus on the institutional aspects of the Community's activity in the field of education;
- 3. Requests the Commission to provide further information on this matter;
- 4. Takes the view that the seven priority spheres of action laid down by the Ministers of Education are indeed matters for the Community as a whole;
- 5. Feels therefore that these matters must be the concern of the Ministers of Education meeting as the Council of the European Communities;
- 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 98, 20. 8. 1974, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the Communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council containing initial proposals for priority projects in data-processing

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Council Resolution of 15 July 1974 ⁽¹⁾ on a Community policy on data processing;
 - having regard to the Communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽²⁾;
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 21/75);
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Legal Affairs Committee, the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport, the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 199/75);
1. Regrets the lack of precision in the financial estimates of these projects, which prevents an exact assessment of their budgetary implications; Insists, moreover, that the proposals based on Article 235 of the Treaty should state that the expenditure arising from them is non-compulsory in nature; Expressly declares that the European Parliament cannot in future decide on the content of proposals from the Commission to the Council unless they contain clear and verifiable data on their budgetary and financial implications;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 86, 20. 7. 1974, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 99, 2. 5. 1975, p. 10.

2. Approves the Commission's proposed choice of five projects in the field of applications of data-processing which are the first specific practical measures to be taken with a view to establishing Community data-processing policy;
3. Points out, with regard to the management and implementation of these projects, that the European Parliament has considered it desirable for the Community to conclude cooperation agreements with non-dominant undertakings outside Europe in view of the weakness of the European data-processing industry;
4. Requests the Commission to present as soon as possible other projects in the field of industrial applications concerning particularly computer-aided design;
5. Considers that, if it is to be more than wishful thinking, the aim of ensuring a fully viable and competitive European-based data-processing industry by the early 1980's calls for extensive means and for resolute determination;
6. Earnestly hopes in this connection that the Commission will accelerate its work on the definition of norms and standards and public procurement policy and generally consider all the measures needed to ensure implementation of the systematic Community programme to promote the European data-processing industry recommended by the Council in its resolution of 15 July 1974;
7. Points out, that, if they are to be viable, projects in the field of data-processing applications must be accompanied by measures to reorganize and improve the capacity of the European data-processing industry and to open the European market at the technical, legal and financial levels.

RESOLUTION

on the communications from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council
on a draft Council resolution concerning a Community policy in the hydrocarbons sector,
and on the financial aspects of Community hydrocarbon projects

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communications from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(74) 1961 fin. and COM(74) 2018 fin.);
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 122/75);

1. Recalls its resolutions on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive concerning measures designed to attenuate the effects of the difficulties inherent in hydrocarbon supplies ⁽¹⁾, and on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the grant of the status of joint undertaking in respect of activities within the hydrocarbon industry ⁽²⁾;
2. Considers that it is necessary to restrict the Community's present excessive dependence — a result of previous policy — in energy supplies, to promote research projects on opening up internal sources of energy and to make a significant effort — greater than originally envisaged — to develop energy sources on the Community's territory. The necessary research within the Community must be intensified and parallel improvements made in technology, although it must be fully appreciated that the objective cannot and should not be self-sufficiency;
3. Considers that every possible effort should be made to stabilize the consumption of crude oil at the present levels and to meet future increases in demand from other energy sources. As large a proportion as possible of crude oil consumption in the foreseeable future should be met from Community deposits;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 37, 4. 6. 1973, p. 25.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 46, 9. 5. 1972, p. 21.

4. Considers that, to cope with possible supply difficulties, the Community should possess an economic and legal basis for facilitating the movement of petroleum products within the Member States;
5. Is of the opinion that a rational energy utilization action programme aimed at improving the efficiency of energy utilization and eliminating waste, should be implemented so as to further the objectives of economic and social development;
6. Regards as positive but inadequate the initial steps taken by the Council in the field of information in adopting four Regulations concerning information on investment projects and planned and effected imports of crude oil and natural gas; in particular considers it essential that public and private companies in this sector should provide information on the various cost and price factors (fob and cif) affecting the crude oil and various petroleum products imported into the Community and a detailed analysis of refining and distribution costs in each Member State;
7. Is of the opinion that the Community's energy policy depends on the different capacities of the Member States and on cooperation with the producer countries and the other consumer countries, and should therefore be defined, introduced and pursued on this basis by the Council, the Commission and the Member States;
8. Trusts that in the Community's energy policy the special position of the Community will take precedence over non-Community cooperation agreements;
9. Stresses that, if we want to have a Community energy policy, the Community must speak as one voice within the International Energy Agency;
10. Feels that an exchange of information and a flexible system of concertation between the public authorities and the industrial operators would make an essential contribution to a common energy policy, if this is based on Community Directives;
11. Recommends more assistance from the public authorities and more generous financing of Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector, within the framework of the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 415/74);
12. Emphasizes that the Member States should, with the aim, among others, of combating inflation and protecting consumers, exercise greater vigilance in respect of the trends in prices of products sold on internal markets and those manufactured by industry, particularly by enforcing adequate control over the operators in this sector;
13. Is of the opinion that the Community's balance of payments deficit, due among other causes to the increase of petroleum prices, can be dealt with and remedied by means of various Community and international measures respecting the basic options of the Member States and benefiting principally the weakest members, but that the major need is for greater cooperation with the oil producing countries and the less developed countries;
14. Trusts that, in view of the importance of the problem, the Commission of the European Communities will in future provide for consultation of the Parliament;
15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and its committee's report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

**on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council
on the guidelines for the electricity sector in the Community**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council (COM(74) 1970 fin.);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 200/75);
 - having regard to its past resolutions on energy policy, and in particular,
 - its resolution of 13 December 1973 ⁽¹⁾ on urgent measures to alleviate the energy supply crisis in the Community,
 - its resolution of 14 March 1974 ⁽²⁾ on appropriate medium- and long-term measures for the further alleviation of the energy supply crisis in the Community;
1. Welcomes the Commission's communication, which lays down guidelines for the electricity sector as part of the overall strategy in the energy field;
 2. Notes that the aim of this communication is to reduce, as far as economically possible, the Community's dependence on imported energy;
 3. Emphasizes that, while making maximum use of coal potential to attain the substitution rate, there is no alternative to massive utilization of and recourse to nuclear energy, since electricity production from nuclear sources is definitely cheaper than that from other available sources;
 4. Calls on the Commission to examine whether the need might arise to take measures to increase electricity consumption beyond what is strictly necessary;
 5. Believes that long-term considerations regarding cost and price of electricity require the development of new and large production units, in particular nuclear power stations; hopes in this context that industrial enterprises which produce their own energy can also participate in the construction and running of nuclear power stations, obtaining from them either electricity or steam for their energy needs;
 6. Considers that a comprehensive and objective public information programme on nuclear energy is called for and would like to see an initiative of this kind taken at Community level;
 7. Considers that nuclear power stations of approximately 1 000 to 1 500 MWe produce electricity at the lowest cost and that, with a growing annual utilization rate, the profitability of these power stations would increase rapidly;
 8. Considers it necessary, moreover, to make use of the possibilities afforded under the Treaties to encourage recourse to nuclear energy, and in particular to promote action on the part of European financial and investment bodies capable of:
 - facilitating the financing of the higher investment levels called for by nuclear plant compared with conventional equipment,
 - facilitating the financing of equipment, particularly in the electricity transmission sector, the availability of which will facilitate the integration of nuclear power stations of extremely high power into the networks,
 - helping, through favourable export credit conditions, which comply with the general guidelines of the Community as far as competition policy is concerned, the European equipment industry to increase its exports;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 46.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 55.

9. Considers, having regard to the real costs of nuclear power stations, that electricity should be sold at a price which will achieve the margin of self-finance that is indispensable;
10. Considers that, in view of the rising cost of energy, certain power stations should be built to produce, apart from electricity, heat for remote heating systems or process heat for industrial use;
11. Considers that if, as is desirable, the electro-nuclear equipment market is to be opened up, it will be essential to put into effect the proposals made for the electricity sector with a view to eliminating certain obstacles relating mainly to the criteria and norms governing the design, construction and operation of nuclear power stations. Since these criteria and norms affect safety at work, public health and respect for the environment, they should be similar in all Member States. Believes that, in the best interests of consumers, the Community rules for public tendering should be strictly observed;
12. Considers that, since it is here a question not of forecasts, and even less of directives, but of guidelines, the Community as a whole should adopt a voluntarist code of conduct and arrange for means of substitution in the electricity production sector;
13. Hopes, in view of the importance of the problem, that the Commission of the European Communities intends, in future, to consult the European Parliament regularly;
14. Approves the communication from the Commission to the Council subject to up-dating of the figures given;
15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive amending Directive No 72/464/EEC on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco

The European Parliament

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹);
- having been consulted by the Council in accordance with Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 168/75);

(¹) OJ No C 150, 5. 7. 1975, p. 4.

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and to the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 197/75);
 - (a) Recalling that, on many occasions, it has made clear the importance which it attaches to ensuring that progress be made in the domain of fiscal harmonization;
 - (b) Conscious that harmonization of the excise on manufactured tobacco would constitute a substantial move towards the removal of certain obstacles to the freer movement of goods and make for the operation of greater competition within the Community;
 - (c) Aware that special problems for the move towards approximation of excises are caused by the divergent systems of charging excise on tobacco in the different Member States, and by the existence of monopolies in certain Member States;
 - (d) Appreciating that the yield of the excise duty on tobacco is still of considerable fiscal importance;
 - (e) Noting, however, that the yield in question is tending to diminish as a share of total budgetary receipts of Member States;
1. Notes that no significant progress has been made over the past three years in regard to the harmonization of the excise duty on tobacco;
 2. Regrets that, as a result, future progress as regards the subsequent stages of harmonization is consequently delayed further and the move towards closer economic integration in this domain is retarded;
 3. Deplores that the proposal for a second Directive, on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco, which the Commission put before the Council on 29 March 1974 and in regard to which the Parliament adopted a resolution ⁽¹⁾ on 15 November 1974, has not yet been adopted by the Council and now calls on the Council to speedily adopt the draft Directive referred to;
 4. Recognizes that, in view of the lack of progress, the first stage of harmonization, referred to in the Directive of 19 December 1972 and already extended by one year, must be further extended;
 5. Approves, therefore, the Commission's proposal contained in Doc. 168/75 for an extension of the first stage by a further year to 30 June 1977;
 6. Urges the Commission to present, as soon as possible, a proposal for a Directive on the second and subsequent stages, in order that the political discussion may be set in train.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 155, 9. 12. 1974, p. 72.

RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission
of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on a change in the timetable for
the preparation of the annual report on the economic situation in the Community**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council Decision on a change in the timetable for the preparation of the annual report on the economic situation in the Community (COM(75) 386 fin.);
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 218/75);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 242/75);
1. Notes that the Commission is not in a position to draw up economic policy guidelines for the preparation of national budgets by the beginning of September 1975 and that the annual report on the economic situation in the Community will not be submitted to Parliament until 15 October 1975;
 2. Agrees with the Commission that the annual report should take into account the most recent comparable economic indicators;
 3. Approves the change in the timetable for 1975 proposed by the Commission, not least in recognition of the technical difficulties encountered in the past in drawing up the economic policy guidelines;
 4. Recalls, however, the objective set in the Council Decision of 18 February 1974, according to which existing coordination procedures were to be improved and development processes were to receive through economic policy action on common goals, not only a short-term but also a medium-term emphasis, so as to safeguard the machinery of permanent consultation;
 5. Regrets having to note that the existing consultation procedures are apparently not adequate to create coherence in Member States' economic policies;
 6. Calls on the Council to request the Member States, pursuant to the Treaty and in accordance with the Council Decision of 18 February 1974 on the attainment of a high degree of convergence of economic policies, to give the Commission greater support by, among other things, continually making available to it the most recent economic data so that it can keep a watch on the application and implementation of Member States' economic policies and, where necessary, make rapid corrections to the jointly agreed guidelines.
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.

RESOLUTION

on the report by the Commission of the European Communities on the development of the social situation in the Community in 1974

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report by the Commission of the European Communities on the development of the social situation in the Community in 1974 (Doc. 17/75);
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 161/75);

(a) The Commission's report

1. Welcomes the effort made by the Commission of the European Communities to provide the European Parliament with a more comprehensive and better ordered document, comprising extensive data and clearly presented information, but considers that the methods of calculating the number of unemployed in the various Member States should be harmonized to permit a valid assessment;

2. Stresses that this report shows a certain awareness by the Commission of the crisis prevailing throughout the Community in that it pinpoints the priority objectives of the Commission's social action in its fight against inflation and unemployment;

(b) Community activity in the social field

3. Welcomes the decisions taken by the Council of Ministers at the meetings held in 1974, particularly those on the Social Fund's new areas of action, equal pay for men and women and mass dismissals, and those on the establishment of the European Vocational Training Centre and the European Foundation for the Improvement of Working and Living Conditions, but doubts whether these measures are appropriate in the context of the current economic crisis;

4. Notes that the Commission has submitted various proposals for the implementation of its social action programme, in particular proposals relating to migrant workers and women;

5. Notes that there are considerable delays on the part of the Commission in implementing the Social Action Programme and submitting proposals relating to it;

6. Regrets that many of the social provisions proposed to implement the Social Action Programme are put forward in the form of 'Programmes' (programme to help migrant workers, women, against poverty, for safety and hygiene at work, etc.), which are not then formulated into draft Directives or Regulations for the consideration of Parliament and the Council;

7. Asks the Council to ensure the early adoption of the measures already considered by the European Parliament, such as those on safeguarding workers' rights in the event of mergers between undertakings and the equal treatment of men and women in the field of employment, and the action programme for migrant workers;

8. Stresses the importance of the fact that the Heads of Government of the Member States, at the Paris Summit of December 1974, had recognized that 'above all, vigorous and coordinated action must be taken at Community level to deal with the problem of employment', and that they should 'make it their objective to harmonize the degree of social security... while maintaining progress', reserving their decision 'as to whether and to what extent it will be necessary to increase the resources of the Social Fund';

9. Welcomes the reactivation of the Standing Committee on Employment and hopes that this body will meet more frequently in order to provide the Community institutions and national governments with suggestions about policies to be pursued in the employment sector;

10. Welcomes the significant step forward taken in 1974 towards the unification of the trade union movement in Europe by grouping all workers in one large European confederation, and hopes that the ETUC will make every effort to complete this process as soon as possible by including those unions which do not yet belong to it.

(c) *The current economic crisis*

11. Notes that since 1974 the European Community has been experiencing a worsening economic and social crisis, the most serious in its history, characterized by an intolerably high rate of inflation and an unprecedented increase in unemployment, with unacceptable effects on the standard of living of the various categories of low-income worker;
12. Finds that young people, women, elderly persons, migrant workers and the non-active sections of the population are particularly hard hit by this crisis;
13. Considers that fresh impetus must be given in the immediate future to economic activity so as to guarantee the right to work;
14. Considers it essential, as an immediate measure for the endowment of the European Social Fund to be increased and its application extended, pursuant to Article 4 of the basic Decision, to include workers in the sectors most seriously affected by the present economic situation;
15. Stresses how important a rapid and effective use of the Regional Fund can be — while pointing out the inadequacy of the sums allocated to it — in the fight against unemployment in less-favoured areas;
16. Asks that the social action programme — inadequate from the start and conceived as an independent policy, without any fundamental link with other Community policies, in a period of prosperity and economic expansion — be brought up to date by including measures such as will initiate a process of change in the development mechanisms hitherto prevalent and provisions which could be highly efficient in stabilizing the short-term economic situation;
17. Considers that the revitalization of the economy and the fight against unemployment are inseparable from the fight against inflation; and therefore requests the Commission and the Council to propose and adopt appropriate measures;
18. Considers that the Commission should encourage by every means at its disposal the convening of regular meetings between the social partners in the economic sectors hardest hit by the crisis, as indeed was recommended by the tripartite Conference held last December;
19. Requests the Council to convene as soon as possible meetings between the Ministers of Social Affairs and the Ministers of Economic Affairs and Finance, in order to assess, as requested by the 1972 Paris Summit, the social aspects of decisions of an economic and financial nature, which often have disastrous repercussions on workers' living conditions, and to arrive on this basis at such Community decisions as may prove necessary; and is of the opinion that a new tripartite conference between the social partners would be useful;
20. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission
of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending the Financial Regu-
lation as regards appropriations for the European Social Fund**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal of the Commission of the European Communities ⁽¹⁾;
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 155/75);

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 142, 25. 6. 1975, p. 5.

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the Opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 258/75);
 - (a) aware of the particular difficulties in the making of payments to beneficiaries under the European Social Fund within the deadlines laid down by the Financial Regulation ⁽¹⁾,
 - (b) aware of the need for extensive on-the-spot verification necessary for the correct functioning of the European Social Fund,
1. Approves the proposal of the Commission of the European Communities for a Regulation amending the Financial Regulation as regards appropriations for the European Social Fund, while recalling that it has always regarded the scope for recourse to the carry-forward procedure as presenting the possibility of substantially modifying the budget, if used too generally;
 2. Considers, for these reasons, that, in any event, the provisions relating to the carry-forwards of the appropriations in question should be examined, with the Parliament, not later than in the context of the general revision of the Regulations relating to the new European Social Fund established by the Council Decision of 1 February 1971;
 3. Proposes, therefore, an amendment to this effect, to the proposed Regulation which it asks the Commission of the European Communities to incorporate, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph of the Treaty, in its proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 116, 1. 5. 1973, p. 1.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning an action programme in favour of migrant workers and their families

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (74) 2250 fin.);
 - having been consulted by the Council on 14 January 1975 (Doc. 465/74);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Opinion of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 160/75),
1. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission of the European Communities has now submitted a comprehensive programme in this area pursuant to paragraph 2 of the list of priorities in the general social action programme of 21 January 1974 ⁽¹⁾ and likewise notes with satisfaction the constructive work being done by the ILO and the Council of Europe in this field;
 2. Greatly regrets, however, that this proposal was not submitted, even in part, before 1 April 1974 as laid down in the general action programme, so that its implementation must unfortunately be commenced more than a year later than might have been expected and, moreover, under worse economic circumstances;
 3. Notes that, in this instance too, the Commission has once again chosen for its proposal a form not provided for in the Treaties, i.e. a programme about which there is uncertainty as to its binding nature, as a result of which there are no sanctions for complete or partial failure to implement the provisions laid down;
 4. Asks the Commission to submit to the Council as soon as possible the proposals (Regulations, Directives and Decisions) laying down the basic principles of the programme, the specific measures proposed in it and a precise timetable for submitting implementation proposals to the Council;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 13. 12. 2. 1974. p. 1.

5. Sees, however, in this proposal from the Commission an opportunity for Europe to make an impact on an important and in some respects neglected social group;

6. Proposes therefore to the Council and Commission of the European Communities that the migrant worker organizations be consulted on the implementation of the programme at a European conference organized for that purpose;

7. Also proposes that without delay investigations should be made into the possibility of special insurance at European level guaranteeing returning migrant workers or their families a payment on the basis of the number of years they have spent working in the Community, and the results of these investigations published;

8. Considers unacceptable the fact that the Commission has not yet submitted to Parliament its proposal for a migrant workers' charter which it had undertaken to submit by 31 March 1975, and requests it once more to do so without delay;

9. Draws the Commission's attention to the fact that no consideration has yet been given to problems affecting seasonal workers and trans-frontier commuters, such as dual taxation and discrimination with regard to certain aspects of social security, and requests it to draw up appropriate proposals as soon as possible;

10. Considers it to be the responsibility of the Member States to organize vocational training courses for migrant workers and to introduce provisions in their legislation making it compulsory for a specific number of hours to be set aside for such training each week during working hours; considers further that the Member States must make available the necessary means, particularly audio-visual material, for appropriate linguistic training to be given to these workers to enable them to benefit from vocational and general training;

11. Advocates the recognition of academic and professional titles and diplomas, at least at secondary school level;

12. Believes that reception classes for the children of migrant workers must be developed to give them accelerated training in the language of the host country and that immediate provisions should be made for the creation of genuinely bi-cultural schools and also pre-school education centres and crèches;

13. Takes the view, for the reasons set out in the following explanatory statement, that a full and complete programme in favour of migrant workers and their families should also cover the following points:

A. In the short term

- (a) legal stipulation of the equality of all immigrants working in the Community, regardless of their nationality, and, in this sphere, specific provisions regarding the migrant worker's right to take leave, to retain his job, to enjoy travel facilities when he is required to exercise his right to vote in his country of origin;
- (b) the placing on a Community level of bilateral agreements between Member States and third countries from which migrants originate, and making trade and association relations with third countries receiving immigrants (such as Switzerland) dependent on action by those countries to bring their national legislation into line with Community legislation in the matter of migrant workers;
- (c) harmonization and adjustment of Member States' legislation on aliens, and implementation by Member States of the UN convention on the nationality of married women, so as to remove discrimination against women foreign nationals;
- (d) the establishment of the strictest possible penal code, coordinated at Community level, in respect of the recruitment of illegal immigrants; the inclusion of appropriate sanctions in this code;
- (e) the establishment of more comprehensive measures, geared to the present economic situation, particularly in the field of housing, education, health care and social services,

B. In the long term

- (f) establishment of a Community labour market policy with provision for the problem of migrant workers;
- (g) the establishment of measures to promote the transfer of economic activities to the emigrant regions;

- (h) examination of the possibility of setting up, at Community level, an institution under public law to provide services in the handling of transactions of migrants and see to the payment of social security benefits, and publication of the results of this examination;
- (i) the establishment of Community social security Regulations for self-employed migrant workers;
- (j) believes that priority should be given to the following:
 - (a) the establishment and extension of the trade union rights of all migrant workers irrespective of their origin;
 - (b) the elimination of conflicts of law ⁽¹⁾ with particular reference to the reviewing of the Regulations on social security for migrant workers so as to eliminate the discrimination that still exists and the intolerable delays that characterize both the procedure for establishing entitlement to social security benefits and their payment, this partly with a view to taking into account the judgments delivered by the Court of Justice of the European Communities in this matter;
 - (c) extension of the civil and political rights enjoyed by the ordinary citizen over 18 years to all migrant workers irrespective of their origin;
 - (d) the establishment of the rights of migrant workers to remain in the country of employment after termination of their employment;

14. Urges the Council to ensure that the points contained in the social action programme which it approved on 21 January 1974 concerning activities in favour of migrant workers should not, when the present proposals are being considered, be interpreted in a restrictive manner so that everything that is not explicitly and definitively laid down in the programme is excluded, but rather in the broadest manner possible, especially where social security and civil and political rights are concerned;

15. Otherwise approves the proposed programme.

⁽¹⁾ 'Conflits de droit' as opposed to 'conflits de lois'.

RESOLUTION

on the guidelines for a Community programme for safety, hygiene and health protection at work

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission's guidelines for a Community programme for safety, hygiene and health protection at work (COM(75) 138 fin.);
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 211/75);

1. Congratulates the Commission on the guidelines for a Community programme which, in view of the sadly high number of accidents, represents a major initiative in the campaign for greater safety, hygiene and health protection at work:

2. Nevertheless hopes that the proposals will not deal mainly with theoretical and administrative aspects, but that emphasis will be placed on the ultimate objective of introducing practical measures in individual undertakings;
3. Agrees that the EEC Treaty clearly provides a legal basis for efforts to improve living and working conditions, seeing that greater safety, hygiene and health protection at work contribute significantly to the improvement of workers' standard of living and working conditions, which the Treaty explicitly refers to as being among the European Community's main tasks;
4. Requests that the Advisory Committee for Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work be made operational at the earliest possible date, so that it may lend its assistance in translating the various guidelines into actual practice;
5. Emphasizes the importance of ensuring that the Advisory Committee and the individual working parties do not become an end in themselves, but that, supported by adequate staff, they will be able to hold frequent meetings in order to work out practical measures for promoting the safety and health protection of workers;
6. Recommends to the Commission that, when putting its initiatives into practical terms, it should always seek to achieve harmonization at an ever higher level and to use new research, new technical methods and materials in a continuous campaign to prevent industrial accidents as far as possible;
7. Welcomes the fact that the Commission also refers to the 'humanization of work' and includes better organization of work in one of the objectives, but asks that action should not be limited to 'comparative studies' and 'working out a Community position', but that practical proposals will be submitted for more dignified working and living conditions, compatible with the ideals of social progress;
8. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission is anxious to institute consultation at Community level at the earliest possible stage when measures are being considered to combat new hazards or review existing statutory or administrative provisions or other protective measures;
9. Requests that the statistics which are to be compiled should include details about the causes of accidents and asks in this connection to be informed about the extent to which increased accident frequency coincides with the sharp rise in production, the enormous increase in the number of workers, the rise in the number of foreign workers and the rapid turnover of staff;
10. Urgently requests that safety and health protection training should not be subject to narrow economic considerations but that everything should be done to ensure that employees are able to receive the most thorough training possible;
11. Is of the opinion that any information campaign must be directed at all strata of the population, through all levels of school education and by means of the mass media;
12. Is pleased to note that audio-visual information methods are to be used to widen knowledge on safety and health questions among those sectors of the population especially affected;
13. Attaches great importance to the guidelines on promoting the participation of both sides of industry in preventive action within various branches of industry and undertakings, as this should make it possible for the individual worker to have a direct influence on safety and health conditions at work;
14. Notes with satisfaction that a study is contemplated of the special safety and health problems of migrant workers;
15. Hopes that uniform warning signs without texts will be introduced as soon as possible;

16. Considers the idea of co-productions in the audio-visual field to be an important European aspect of the campaign for better safety and health conditions at work;
17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION
on the situation in Spain

The European Parliament,

- deeply concerned at the death sentences and long terms of imprisonment imposed by the military tribunals on Spanish citizens following trials which took place in violation of the rights of man and of the fundamental principles of law;
 - firmly convinced that only full recognition of democratic freedoms and respect for the rights of man can create the peaceful conditions which are necessary for freedom in Spain;
1. Protests vehemently against the new restrictions on civil rights and the violations of the rights of man arising from the law recently passed in Spain as an allegedly anti-terrorist measure;
 2. Invites the Commission and the Council to freeze existing relations until such time as freedom and democracy are established in Spain;
 3. Appeals to the Spanish authorities not to carry out the recent death sentences;
 4. Associates itself with all efforts undertaken by democrats throughout the world to save the lives of those condemned and to obtain a review of the political trials; therefore requests the Council and the Commission of the European Communities to make appropriate representations to the Spanish authorities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission
of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down special rules for
the importation of products in the wine-growing sector originating in certain third countries

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾;
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 204/75);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Associations Committee (Doc. 254/75);
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Wonders whether the solutions proposed take account of both objectives, i.e. effective protection of the internal market and smooth, productive trade relations with the Mediterranean countries.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 178, 6. 8. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the opening of a tariff quota for new potatoes falling within subheading 07.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff for 1976, originating in Cyprus

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹);
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 158/75);
- having regard to the report of the Associations Committee (Doc. 210/75);

1. Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 137, 19. 6. 1975, p. 5.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit
- II. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2601/69 laying down special measures to encourage the processing of certain varieties of oranges
- III. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables
- IV. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹);
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 202/75 and Doc. 221/75);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 256/75);
1. Approves the Commission's proposals with the following reservations;
 2. Stresses that the principle of Community solidarity, particularly with regard to the fruit and vegetables sector, must be respected in the course of negotiations with Mediterranean countries;
 3. Emphasizes that import procedures must be rigorously enforced to ensure that reference prices for goods from Mediterranean countries are strictly observed;

(¹) OJ No C 176, 2. 8. 1975, p. 2 and OJ No C 197, 28. 8. 1975, p. 6.

4. Supports the Council in its decisions of 23 and 24 June 1975:
 - to review subsequently the situation in the Community market for lemons on the basis of a Commission study and to take appropriate steps to remedy marketing problems of fresh or processed lemons;
 - to supervise trade with non-member states in processed fruit and vegetables; and
 - to provide assistance from the EAGGF and the Regional Development Fund in the case where difficulties arise in fruit and vegetable processing industries;
5. Is of the opinion, however, that the proposed introduction of countervailing charges when entry prices fluctuate around the reference price constitutes an unwarranted step which neither takes account of the real structural problems in the southern parts of the Community nor of the interests of Community consumers;
6. Asks the Commission to adopt the following amendments in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for port wines falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Portugal (1976)
- II. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for Madeira wines falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff originating in Portugal (1976)
- III. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for Setubal muscatel wines falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Portugal (1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾;
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 169/75);
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 261/75);

1. Approves the Commission's proposals:

2. Recalls the assurance given at the plenary sitting of 14 October 1974 by the Commissioner responsible, to the effect that the Commission would take the necessary steps as quickly as possible to provide a better statistical basis for these Regulations, so that the quotas could be allocated among the Member States with greater accuracy.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 146, 1. 7. 1975, p. 4.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for Jerez wines falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)
- II. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for Malaga wines falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)
- III. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for wines from Jumilla, Priorato, Rioja and Valdepeñas, falling within subheading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾);
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 170/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 262/75);

Approves the Commission's proposals.

(¹) OJ No C 147, 2. 7. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a 1976 Community tariff quota for dried grapes, falling within subheading 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff, in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾);
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 173/75);
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 263/75);

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 148, 3. 7. 1975, p. 10.

RESOLUTION

**embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission
of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC)
No 657/75 on the standard quality for colza and rape seed**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾);
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 185/75);
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 259/75);

1. Draws attention to the desirability for the consumer of encouraging the production of new varieties of colza seed and of testing these new varieties to eliminate or detect in good time possible risks to producers;
2. Draws attention to the difficulties created for producers by the timing of the decision, namely shortly before the sowing of colza seed, while the European list of varieties still does not include any varieties with a low erucic acid content; therefore requests the Commission, in determining the intervention conditions for the 1976/77 marketing year, to include colza seed with an erucic acid content of 15 % or more in the intervention arrangements, provided that a guarantee is given that such seed will not be used for human consumption;
3. Approves the Commission's proposal, subject to the above observations.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 150, 5. 7. 1975, p. 6.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of the aid to producers for the 1974 harvest

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 231/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 288/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 218, 24. 9. 1975, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulations (EEC) No 1408/71 and (EEC) No 574/72 and relating to the standardization of the system of paying family benefits to workers the members of whose families reside in a Member State other than the country of employment

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 63/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 286/75),

1. Fully approves the Commission's proposal since it considers that the uniform system envisaged is in general the fairest for the Community as a whole and offers the greatest advantages to Community migrant workers whose families reside in a country other than that in which such workers are employed;

2. Requests the Commission, however, to complete its proposal by taking into account, at least as a transitional measure, the rights acquired under the regulations at present in force by certain categories of frontier workers employed in France;

3. Recalls that the Commission's proposals on this subject should have been submitted by 1 January 1973 and, while accepting the Commission's explanations in this respect, notes that the latter could have made an effort to present the proposals at an earlier date;

4. Requests the Member States concerned to accept and enforce without further ado the Regulations now being proposed;

5. Regarding the general social security arrangements for migrant workers, requests the Commission to submit at the earliest opportunity the proposals on this subject envisaged in the action programme in favour of migrant workers, in order to ensure speedy elimination of all the discrimination and disparity of treatment still existing in this area.

(¹) OJ No C 96, 29. 4. 1975, p. 4.

RESOLUTION

on the internal rules of procedure for consideration of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Treaty of 22 April 1970 amending certain budgetary provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Communities and the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities,
- whereas the provisions of the Treaty of 22 April 1970 are still applicable to the procedures for the 1976 budget of the Communities since the Treaty signed on 22 July 1975 has not yet been ratified by the Member States,
- whereas if Article 78 of the ECSC Treaty, Article 203 of the EEC Treaty and Article 177 of the Euratom Treaty are to be applied, it will be necessary to lay down the following specific rules,

1. Agrees to extend to the 1976 financial year the procedures which it had adopted (resolution of 25 September 1974) for considering and establishing the 1975 budget of the Communities as set out in Articles 1 to 6 below;

Also agrees to supplement these provisions by the resolution adopted on 11 November 1974 for the 1975 financial year, which is set out in Article 7 below;

2. Therefore instructs its President to extend the special internal implementing provisions previously adopted for the 1975 financial year in accordance with the rules contained in Articles 1 to 7 below.

Article 1

working documents

1. The following documents shall be printed and distributed:

- (a) the communication from the Commission of the Communities on the maximum rate laid down in paragraph 8 of Article 78 of the ECSC Treaty, Article 203 of the EEC Treaty, and Article 177 of the Euratom Treaty;
- (b) the proposal from the Commission of the Communities fixing a new rate;
- (c) the proposal from the Council fixing a new rate;
- (d) a summary by the Council of its deliberations on the amendments and modifications adopted by Parliament to the draft budget;
- (e) the modifications made by the Council to the amendments adopted by Parliament to the draft budget.

2. These documents shall be referred to the committee responsible. Any committee concerned may deliver an Opinion.

3. Where other committees wish to deliver Opinion, the President shall fix the time limit within which these shall be communicated to the committee responsible.

Article 2

rates

1. Subject to the conditions set out below, any representative may table and speak in support of proposals for decisions fixing a new maximum rate.
2. Such proposals shall be admissible only if they are presented in writing and bear the signatures of at least five representatives or if they are tabled on behalf of a political group or committee.
3. The President shall fix a time limit for the tabling of such proposals.
4. The committee responsible shall report on these proposals before they are discussed in plenary sitting.
5. Parliament shall then vote on the proposals.

Proposals shall be adopted only if they receive the support of a majority of the current members of Parliament and three-fifths of the votes cast.

Article 3

consideration of the draft budget — first stage

1. Subject to the conditions set out below, any representative may table and speak in support of:
 - draft amendments to the draft budget;
 - proposed modifications to the draft budget.
2. Draft amendments shall be admissible only if they are presented in writing, bear the signatures of at least five representatives or are submitted on behalf of a political group or committee, specify the budget heading to which they refer and ensure the maintenance of a balance between revenue and expenditure.

The same provisions shall apply to proposed modifications.
3. The President shall fix a time limit for the submission of draft amendments and proposed modifications.
4. The committee responsible shall deliver its Opinion on the texts submitted before they are discussed in plenary sitting.
5. Draft amendments to the estimates of the European Parliament which are similar to those already rejected by Parliament at the time the estimates were drawn up shall be discussed only where the committee responsible has delivered a favourable Opinion.
6. Notwithstanding Rule 26(1) of the Rules of Procedure, Parliament shall take separate and successive votes on:
 - each draft amendment and each proposed modification,
 - each section of the draft budget,
 - the draft budget as a whole,
 - a motion for a resolution concerning the draft budget.

7. Articles, chapters, titles and sections of the draft budget in respect of which no draft amendments or proposed modifications have been submitted shall be adopted.

8. Draft amendments shall require for adoption the votes of a majority of the current members of Parliament.

Proposed modifications shall require for adoption an absolute majority of the votes cast.

9. If Parliament has adopted draft amendments that would raise the expenditure shown in the draft budget above the maximum rate laid down, the committee responsible shall be required to submit to Parliament a proposal laying down a new maximum rate as provided in paragraph 8 (4) of Article 78 of the ECSC Treaty, Article 203 of the EEC Treaty and Article 177 of the Euratom Treaty. The proposal shall be put to the vote after the various sections of the draft budget have been voted on. It shall be adopted only if it receives the support of a majority of the current members of Parliament and three-fifths of the votes cast. Where the proposal is rejected the draft budget as a whole shall be referred to the committee responsible.

10. If Parliament has not amended the draft budget, adopted proposed modifications or adopted a proposal rejecting the draft budget, the President shall declare in plenary sitting that the budget has been finally adopted.

If Parliament has amended the draft budget or adopted proposed modifications, the draft budget thus amended or accompanied by proposed modifications shall be forwarded to the Council.

11. The minutes of proceedings of the sitting at which Parliament delivered its Opinion on the draft budget shall be forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

Article 4

agreement or disagreement by the Council

1. The following documents shall be printed and distributed:

- the position of the Council on the proposal fixing a new maximum rate,
- the communication from the Council informing the Assembly of the fact that it has not modified any of the amendments adopted by the Assembly and that it has accepted the proposed modifications.

2. Where the Council has informed the Assembly of its agreement to the increased rate, the President shall declare in plenary sitting that the modified rate has been adopted.

If this is not the case, the Council's position shall be referred to the committee responsible.

3. Where the Council has informed the Assembly that it has not modified its amendments and that it has accepted its proposed modifications, the President shall declare in plenary sitting that the budget has been adopted. He shall ensure that it is published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

consideration of the Council's deliberations — second stage

1. If the Council has modified one or more of the amendments adopted by the Assembly, the text thus modified by the Council shall be referred to the appropriate committee.

2. Subject to the conditions set out below, any representative may table and speak in support of draft amendments to the text as modified by the Council.

3. Such drafts shall be admissible only if they are presented in writing, bear the signatures of at least five representatives or are submitted on behalf of a political group or committee and ensure maintenance of a balance between revenue and expenditure.

A draft amendment shall not be admissible unless it refers exclusively to the text modified by the Council.

4. The President shall fix a time limit for the tabling of draft amendments.

5. The committee responsible shall deliver its Opinion on the texts modified by the Council and on the draft amendments to the modified texts.

6. Draft amendments tabled to the texts modified by the Council shall be put to the vote. They shall be adopted only if they receive the support of a majority of the current members of Parliament and three-fifths of the votes cast. If they are adopted, the text modified by the Council shall be deemed rejected. If they are rejected, the text modified by the Council shall be adopted.

7. The Council's summary of the results of its deliberations on the proposed modifications adopted by Parliament shall be debated and a motion for a resolution may then be put to the vote.

8. Upon completion of the procedure provided for in this Article, and subject to the provisions of Article 6, the President shall declare in plenary sitting that the budget has been finally adopted. He shall ensure that it is published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 6

total rejection

1. Five representatives, a political group or a committee may, for important reasons, submit a proposal to reject the budget as a whole. Such a proposal shall be admissible only if it is justified in writing and presented within the time limit set by the President.

2. The committee responsible shall deliver its Opinion on such a proposal, which will then be voted on in plenary sitting.

It shall be adopted only if it receives the support of a majority of the current members of Parliament and three-fifths of the votes cast. If it is adopted, the draft budget as a whole shall be referred back to the Council.

Article 7

application of Rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure

Rule 35(3) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure for the vote on the draft general budget of the Communities for the 1976 financial year shall apply as follows:

- (a) The vote on draft amendments to the draft budget for the 1976 financial year shall be taken by sitting and standing; the President shall announce before Parliament the number of votes for and against and of abstentions, and establish the result of the vote.
- (b) If the result of the vote is doubtful or whenever 10 or more representatives so desire, the vote shall be taken by roll call.
- (c) The vote on a proposal for a decision laying down a new maximum rate of increase of expenditure and the vote on a proposal for rejection of the draft general budget as a whole shall be taken by roll call.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation modifying the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 209 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 234/75),
 - having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 305/75),
1. Notes that the proposal from the Commission to the Council to introduce into the general budget of the Communities the distinction between payment appropriations and commitment appropriations is not accompanied by any 'explanatory memorandum';
 2. Considers that the Commission — which in 1972 transmitted a memorandum on the same subject setting out, in a comprehensive manner, the arguments for and against such a proposal — should, when presenting a proposal of this nature, have included a memorandum making the case for the change, having regard, in particular, to the views expressed by it in the abovementioned memorandum;
 3. Considers that it would be appropriate to examine the question of the eventual introduction of the distinction between payment appropriations and commitment appropriations into the budget of the Communities at the time of a general revision of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities;
 4. Expects that proposals for such a general revision will be submitted to Parliament in the relatively near future (following the ratification by the Member States of the Treaty signed on 22 July 1975 regarding certain budgetary arrangements) with a view to effecting the adaptations rendered necessary by the new provisions;
 5. Considers that it is essential that the competent organs of the three institutions should carry out an in-depth examination of the problems related to the juxtaposition of the distinction between payment appropriations and commitment appropriations on the one hand and that between compulsory expenditure and non-compulsory expenditure on the other hand, and, therefore, that the institutions should not now proceed to a too-hasty consideration of the particular matter put before them;
 6. Recalls also the general reserve expressed by Parliament in the report on the general budget of the European Communities for 1972 when it recommended that the temptation to apply, in a general fashion, the distinction between commitment appropriations and payment appropriations should not be succumbed to, since the distinction could prove to be deceptive in its effects;
 7. Considers that a decision on the introduction of the distinction between payment appropriations and commitment appropriations in the general budget of the Communities should be deferred for the present, in order to have it considered for incorporation, under certain conditions, in a proposal for an overall review of the Financial Regulation;
 8. Charges the Committee on Budgets to carry out a thorough study of the question at issue and to submit to it, in the absence of a proposal from the Commission, by 30 June next at the latest, proposals which would permit of a solution to the problems which present themselves in this domain.

(¹) OJ No C 199, 30. 8. 1975, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

on the Lomé convention signed on 28 February 1975 between the EEC and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the memorandum of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the future relations between the Community, the present AASM States and the countries of Africa, the Caribbean, the Indian and Pacific Oceans referred to in Protocol 22 to the Act of Accession (COM(73) 500 fin.),
- having regard to the resolution adopted by Parliament on 10 December 1974 on the negotiations between the EEC and the ACP countries on the renewal and enlargement of the EEC-AASM association and on 14 March 1975 on the EEC-ACP convention,
- having regard to the Lomé convention signed on 28 February 1975 between the EEC and 46 African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the Internal Agreement on the measures and procedures required for implementation of the convention (Doc. 212/75) and the explanatory memorandum of the convention (Doc. 212/75/Ann.),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 283/75),

1. Wishes to pay tribute to all the Contracting Parties and in particular to the Commission of the European Communities and the Committee of Ambassadors and Plenipotentiaries of the ACP States for their open-minded attitude, their realism and their political resolve to reach an agreement based on respect for their mutual interests;

2. Believes that the Lomé convention marks a step forward in the development policy of the EEC and an improvement in international economic relations, in that it establishes a new model for relations between developed and developing States, compatible with the aspirations of the international community towards a more just and more balanced economic order;

3. Considers the Lomé convention as the logical sequel to the association policy carried out by the Community to date, the positive results of which have enabled the Community to advance more boldly towards closer forms of cooperation with the ACP countries;

4. Approves the Community's innovative policy with regard to development and in particular the six innovations introduced by the Lomé convention, namely:

- modification of trade links between developing and industrialized countries, which are no longer based on reciprocal trade advantages but will henceforth offer additional benefits to exports from the ACP countries on the EEC markets;
- a system for stabilizing export earnings from the main products of the ACP countries (STABEX);
- specific provisions for sugar imports from the ACP countries whereby the Community undertakes to buy specific quantities at guaranteed prices, the level of these prices being linked in future to the prices obtaining in the Community;
- participation by the beneficiary States in the administration of financial aid from the Community;
- introduction of special measures in favour of the 'least developed' among the ACP States;
- definition of a policy of industrial cooperation, regarded as one of the major objectives of the convention;

I. *Trade cooperation*

5. Notes that the new trade arrangements do indeed take account of the differences in the levels of development of the Member States and the ACP States and consequently allows free access to the Community markets to almost all ACP products, while the ACP States will grant the products of the Member States no less favourable treatment than that of most-favoured nation;

6. Notes in particular that, for agricultural products affecting the ACP countries, the Community had made arrangements which are appreciably more favourable than those applied to third countries, while taking care not to neglect the problems of European agriculture;

7. Regards the definition of the concept of 'originating products' in the convention and the methods advocated for administrative, statistical and customs cooperation as highly favourable to the development of EEC-ACP trade ;

II. Stabilization of export earnings

8. Endorses the principle of stabilization of export earnings for products of importance to the economy of the ACP countries affected by fluctuations in price and/or quantities;
9. Believes that the introduction of a system for stabilizing the export earnings of the ACP is of considerable political significance in that it establishes a precedent at international level and offers a practical solution, even if only partial, to the problems of the developing countries which produce raw materials;

III. Industrial cooperation

10. Shares the view of the ACP that industrial cooperation is essential for their economic development with a view to bringing about a better distribution of industries both within these states and between them, establishing new industrial and trade links between the industries of the various EEC and ACP partners, in particular through the transfer of capital and technology required by the ACP;
11. Agrees that it is sensible to set up incentive structures, namely the 'Committee on Industrial Cooperation' responsible for suggesting appropriate solutions, and the 'Centre for Industrial Development' responsible for information, the organization of contacts and all industrial promotion measures;
12. Hopes that a system of multilateral guarantees for private investments between the EEC and all the ACP States may be set up alongside the Lomé convention, in order to stimulate the private investment needed by the ACP States and to create the most favourable conditions possible for the achievement of this industrial cooperation;

IV. Financial and technical cooperation

13. Notes with satisfaction that the Community, despite the present economic difficulties of all the Member States, has found it possible to grant aid amounting to 3 390 million units of account for the ACP States and 160 million units of account for the overseas countries, territories and departments, which is three times as much as the aid granted under the Yaoundé II convention;
14. Regrets however, that, in view of the amount of aid involved, it has not been possible to include the European Development Fund in the budget as recommended by Parliament, but notes with satisfaction the Member States' agreement in principle to budgetization within the framework of the renewal of the convention;
15. Notes with satisfaction that, because the requirements of financial cooperation made it necessary for the Member States to define a European unit of account based on a 'basket' consisting only of the Member States' currencies, the Lomé convention has afforded the Community an opportunity to demonstrate its identity and progress towards economic and monetary union;
16. Views as entirely appropriate the new aid strategy which extends the range of sectors or bodies that are to benefit from interventions from the EDF, giving in particular greater encouragement to regional projects, supporting the ACP's small- and medium-sized enterprises and financing micro-projects corresponding to the needs of the local communities, especially in rural areas;
17. Approves the principle of participation by the ACP States in the administration of the EDF, which also reflects a desire to decentralize procedures away from Brussels towards the countries concerned in respect of the programming of aid, the preparation and evaluation of projects, their implementation and the final evaluation of the results;
18. Considers it appropriate, also, that the Lomé convention provides for price preference in favour of ACP undertakings in the case of invitations to tender for works contracts costing less than two million units of account and for supplies contracts, whatever their cost;
19. Welcomes the fact that, in addition to the revenue stabilization fund and the broadening of the instruments for financial cooperation, provision has been made for an endowment earmarked for exceptional aids which might be granted in the event of serious difficulties resulting from natural disasters or similar extraordinary circumstances;

V. Special measures in favour of the 'least developed' countries

20. Welcomes the fact that special measures have been taken to grant additional benefits to the least developed countries in future:

- under the Stabex arrangements, the least advanced countries will not be required to reimburse any transfers from which they may benefit following a fall in their export earnings, and
- under the EDF, through *ad hoc* actions in the area of technical assistance and supervisory staff training and through Community financing, on a temporary and degressive basis, of the operating costs relating to investments financed by the Community which are of special importance to the economic and social development of these States;

VI. The institutions

21. Approves the institutional framework provided for under the Lomé convention, consisting of a Council of Ministers assisted by a Committee of Ambassadors and a Consultative Assembly;

22. Welcomes in particular the creation of a Consultative Assembly consisting, on a basis of parity, of members of the European Parliament and of representatives designated by the ACP countries, and hopes that this Assembly will adopt as soon as possible the detailed rules for the application of Article 80 (5) of the convention, in particular as regards consultation between the social partners;

23. Invites the Council of Ministers to make all appropriate arrangements as soon as possible to ensure the maintenance of effective contacts, consultations and cooperation between the economic and social sectors of the Member States and of the ACP States;

24. Earnestly invites the responsible authorities of the Member States, and in particular the national parliaments, to ratify the convention as soon as possible so that all its provisions can come into force on 1 January 1976;

25. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the EEC-ACP Interim Committee and to the responsible bodies in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the safeguard measures provided for in the ACP-EEC Lomé convention of 28 February 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 181/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 284/75),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;

2. Emphasizes that such measures are only to be taken where absolutely necessary and then in such a way that trade between the EEC and the ACP States is disturbed as little as possible;

3. Hopes that extensive use will be made of the possibility, provided for under Article 11(3) of the Lomé convention, of consultation in the Council of EEC-ACP ministers on the measures taken.

(¹) OJ No C 159, 16. 7. 1975, p. 8.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on relations between the European Economic Community and the associated overseas countries and territories (OCT)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 43/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 280/75),
1. Welcomes the Commission's communication and agrees that the implementing provisions of the association of the overseas countries and territories (OCT) should be renewed;
 2. Approves the Commission's efforts to create the closest possible parallels between the new arrangements for the OCT and the ACP convention, thus safeguarding an established policy;
 3. Considers that such parallels are all the more desirable as some OCT which will be achieving their independence in the near future intend to accede to the Lomé convention;
 4. Stresses the special importance of trade cooperation, since increased trade in goods is an essential precondition of the economic and social development of these territories;
 5. Hopes that the principle of reciprocity embodied in Part IV of the EEC Treaty will be applied as flexibly as possible in respect of EEC exports to the OCT;
 6. Considers it important for a satisfactory solution to be found also for agricultural products of the OCT;
 7. Welcomes the fact that in the Regulations governing origin — as in the ACP-EEC convention — the OCT are treated as a single territory;
 8. Points out that the regulation contains no special title on industrial cooperation, but hopes that it will be possible to ensure industrial financing without difficulty on the basis of the provisions for financial and technical cooperation;
 9. Notes that special measures to promote industrial development are an integral part of the Lomé convention and relate exclusively to the ACP countries; hopes, however, that all necessary steps will nevertheless be taken to strengthen the economic structure of the overseas countries and territories;
 10. Finally, welcomes the Council's decision to consult Parliament on this question — as it did on the earlier decisions in 1964 and 1970 — since this enables Parliament to express its views on the details of and procedure for the association of the OCT with the Community.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 122, 2. 6. 1975, p. 44.

RESOLUTION

on the preparation of the conference on international economic cooperation

The European Parliament,

- having taken note of the outcome of the meeting of the Council of the European Communities on 7 October 1975 concerning the preparation of the Paris conference to be held between the industrialized countries, the oil-producing countries and the developing countries, and especially the announcement that a Member State would be individually represented,
1. Expresses its concern at such attitudes which could present a threat to a future Community energy policy;
 2. Is convinced of the need for the Community to speak with a single voice on such occasions;
 3. Urges all Member States to concert their views in preparation for the conference on international economic cooperation;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for Regulations on the application of generalized tariff preferences in 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the future development of the Community's generalized tariff preferences scheme (Doc. COM(75) 17 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 179/75),
 - recalling its resolutions of 6 October 1970 ⁽²⁾, 9 June 1971 ⁽³⁾, 13 December 1973 ⁽⁴⁾, 12 July 1974 ⁽⁵⁾, and 17 October 1974 ⁽⁶⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, and the Opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 285/75),
1. Feels that in view of the continuing deterioration of the present economic situation in the Community the proposals for the generalized tariff preferences scheme in 1976 represent a realistic effort;
 2. Recommends therefore, once more, that the Commission of the European Communities should intensively continue its efforts to make the preferential advantages available more generally known, in particular by submitting proposals on the establishment of an agency to provide documentation and information, and should increase technical aid to developing countries with a view to improving their awareness of the opportunities provided by the present Community programme under the system of generalized preferences;
 3. Encourages the Commission to intensify its efforts to provide information to economic and social interests in the Community on the substance and long-term strategy of the Community's policy on generalized tariff preferences, which presupposes that the Commission itself has full information on the real application and the impact of the system of generalized preferences;
 4. Hopes that the use made of the system will also be improved by extending the list of products for which reserve shares are constituted in the Community tariff quotas; such an extension would by its very nature improve the functioning of the customs union;
 5. Feels that better utilization of the present system can be encouraged by simplifying and expanding it;
 6. Draws the Commission's attention to the need to review the criteria for determining beneficiary countries, on the understanding that the only countries that may benefit from generalized preferences are those which are still indisputably developing countries;
 7. Invites the Commission of the European Communities to submit concrete proposals on the re-adaptation and restructuring of the sectors and regions affected by the measures taken in favour of developing countries;
 8. Welcomes the Council Decision of 3 March 1975 to continue the preferential system beyond 1980 and to improve and extend it;
 9. Stresses in this connection the growing need to coordinate the different systems of generalized preferences so as to distribute the burden and the advantages in a more balanced manner;
 10. Welcomes, in particular, the intention to increase the advantages granted to the least developed countries, and approves the measures already taken in this connection for 1976;
 11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 205, 8. 9. 1975.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 129, 26. 10. 1970.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 66, 1. 7. 1971.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No C 140, 13. 11. 1974.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for frozen beef and veal falling within subheading 02.01 A II a) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff (1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 205/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 289/75);

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 197, 28. 8. 1975, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision concerning a financial contribution by the Community to the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Institute in Ankara

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 178/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 277/75),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Requests that proposals concerning the containment of foot-and-mouth disease in South East Europe be incorporated where possible, and following consultation with the FAO, in a coherent programme to allow for the proper consultation of the European Parliament;
3. Nevertheless requests the Commission to adopt the following amendment, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

(¹) OJ No C 147, 2. 7. 1975, p. 12.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on consolidated texts relating to the cereals sector

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 184/75),
 - having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation establishing a procedure of consolidation (Doc. 203/73),
 - having regard to the report on this subject (Doc. 46/74),
 - having regard to the proposals for the consolidation of the instruments of the common agricultural policy, formulated in the memorandum from the Commission on the improvement of the common agricultural policy (Doc. 251/73),
 - having regard to the report on this memorandum (Doc. 337/73),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 278/75),
1. Approves the Commission's proposals while underlining for the sake of clarity that this approval does not relate to the content of the provisions;
 2. Again draws attention to the fact that the list of amendments contained in the Annex does not give a clear overall picture of the consolidated texts, thus substantially hindering a proper assessment of this proposal;
 3. Hopes that the Commission of the European Communities will in future ensure that its proposals on consolidation are accompanied by the texts of all the relevant Regulations;
 4. Urges the Commission to introduce consolidation in other sectors of the common agricultural policy and stresses the need for this work to be carried out with the greatest possible accuracy.

(¹) OJ No C 196, 27. 8. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation establishing a system of aid to organizations of silkworm rearers

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 201/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 287/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 210, 12. 9. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation extending for the fourth time Regulations (EEC) No 2313/71 and (EEC) No 2823/71 partially and temporarily suspending Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to wines originating in and coming from Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 444 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 233/75),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Associations Committee (Doc. 301/75),
 - whereas in the present state of surplus the Community should be able to control imports, without however causing damage to the exporting countries with which it is engaged in important negotiations,
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Considers, however, that the wine package should be treated as a single whole and that joint decisions should be taken on the review of the basic regulations, the definitive import regime and a return to the free movement of wine within the Community.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation No 17/64/EEC on the conditions for granting aid from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 209 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 208/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 297/75),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Asks the Commission strictly to ensure that appropriations which become available because projects have not been carried out remain earmarked for improving agricultural structures and production conditions, as also the processing of agricultural products, and are used preferentially in areas with a weak agricultural structure while maintaining an equitable geographical distribution.
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⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 178, 6. 8. 1975, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations with the Council of Europe on the accession of the Community to the European convention for the protection of animals during international transport
- II. a Decision concluding the European convention for the protection of animals during international transport and introducing the provisions necessary for its application to intra-Community trade

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 154/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 304/75).

Approves the Commission's proposals.

(¹) OJ No C 133, 14. 6. 1975, p. 5.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for fresh or dried hazelnuts, shelled or otherwise, falling within subheading ex 08.05 G of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Turkey

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 172/75),
- having regard to the report of the Associations Committee (Doc. 307/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 148, 3. 7. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the total or partial suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural products originating in Turkey (1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 340 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 206/75),
- having regard to the report of the Associations Committee (Doc. 308/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for apricot pulp falling within subheading ex 20.06 B II c) 1 aa) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Israel (1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 156/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 265/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 137, 19. 6. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for certain eels falling within subheading ex 03.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff (1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 157/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 266/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 142, 25. 6. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on an eleventh amendment to Directive No 64/54/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the preservatives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 159/75),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 291/75),

1. Agrees with the Commission's proposal to add three further preservatives to the list of additives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption in the Community, since the Scientific Committee for Food has also delivered a favourable Opinion in this respect;

2. Also agrees with the wording of Article 7(a) to bring the text in line with the Directive on emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents;

3. Once again requests the Commission and the Council to tackle forthwith, expedite and conclude as soon as possible the further approximation of laws on preservatives as provided for in the basic Directive of 1963;

4. Also urges the Commission not only permanently to keep track of the position as regards scientific research into preservatives, but also to complete in the near future the necessary investigation into the use of nitrite and nitrate and the balance in human nutrition of mineral ions, and if possible to replace certain preservatives by less harmful substances.

(¹) OJ No C 145, 28. 6. 1975, p. 4.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive concerning the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the composition of petrol — problem of the lead content of petrol

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 303/73),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 339/75),
1. Approves the Commissions' proposal for a Directive to reduce the lead content of petrol used in motor vehicle engines only on condition that its date of entry into force be changed so that from 1 January 1977 petrol shall be placed on the Community internal market only where its lead compound content does not exceed 0·40 grammes per litre;
 2. Is unable to approve the proposal for a Directive so long as it provides for the reduction in a second stage, from 1 January 1978, of the lead content of regular petrol to 0·15 grammes per litre, and would like the Commission instead to submit by 1 January 1979, in the framework of a general report, a supplementary proposal for a Directive which would take into account experience gained and latest findings;
 3. Again advocates the principle of prevention, which requires a limitation of the lead content of motor vehicle exhaust gases since it cannot at present be proved scientifically that the ever-increasing concentrations of lead in the atmosphere of European cities is not prejudicial to public health;
 4. Agrees with the Commission that in the interests of prompt and effective protection of the environment, the Member States should be permitted to prescribe a reduction of the lead content of petrol at an earlier date than that laid down in the proposed Directive, provided this is not prejudicial to the common market;
 5. Calls on the Commission to lay down in its proposal for a Directive that Member States may prescribe greater reductions of the lead content of petrol than provided for in the Directive if:
 - (a) specific public health requirements make this an urgent necessity, and
 - (b) the smooth functioning of the common market is in no way prejudiced thereby;
 6. Insists on the period of six months referred to in Article 7 of the proposed Directive for the introduction of the provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action which are necessary to comply with the directive, being observed without fail;
 7. Expects the Commission to submit a proposal for a Directive limiting nitrogen compounds in motor vehicle exhaust gases, since petrol contains other harmful substances apart from lead;
 8. Calls on the Commission to begin an investigation to establish whether and under what conditions use could be made of improved filtration systems to eliminate the lead content from motor vehicle exhaust gases;
 9. Requests the Commission to make the following amendments to its proposal, pursuant to Article 149(2) of the EEC Treaty;
 10. Request its appropriate committee to establish whether the Commission of the European Communities incorporates the amendments proposed by the European Parliament in its proposal and, if necessary, to report accordingly.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 8, 31. 1. 1974, p. 28.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive fixing the maximum level of erucic acid in fats and oils and margarine for food

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 185/75, Part I),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 327/75),
1. Approves in principle the Commission's proposal for a Directive, partly on the basis of the recommendations of the Scientific Committee for Food consulted by the Commission;
 2. Calls on the Commission, nevertheless, to undertake further research on oils and fats containing long-chain fatty acids, other than rape seed oil, and in particular to carry on vigorously with investigations into the effects of the consumption of these oils and fats on human health;
 3. Considers it advisable, in the light of scientific findings on the one hand and technological possibilities on the other, to reduce the maximum permitted erucic acid content in oil and fats used in food to 5 % in the foreseeable future;
 4. Requests the Commission to incorporate, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty, the following amendments into its proposal;
 5. Requests the committee responsible to ascertain whether the Commission of the European Communities changes its proposal in accordance with the European Parliament's amendments, and if necessary to report back to it.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 150, 5. 7. 1975, p. 5.

DECISION

on the giving of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1971 on the basis of the report of the Audit Board

The European Parliament.

- having regard to the revenue and expenditure accounts and statements of the assets and liabilities of the Communities for the accountancy procedures in respect of the 1971 budget and the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency (Doc. 206/72-II),
 - having regard to the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1971 and the answers of the institutions to that report (Doc. 206/72-III-B),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets on the refusal to give the Commission of the European Communities a discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1971 on the basis of the report of the Audit Board (Doc. 111/75), which was adopted by Parliament at its sitting of 19 June 1975 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Council Decision of 16 September 1975 on the giving of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 365/75),
1. Decides to give the Commission a final discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget and of the rectifying budget and supplementary budgets of the European Communities for the 1971 financial year;
 2. Expects the Council in future to word its Decisions on the giving of a discharge in readily intelligible terms;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this Decision to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 157, 14. 7. 1975, p. 37.

RESOLUTION

**on the recommendations of the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee adopted in
Athens on 27 June 1975**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the recommendations adopted by the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee at its ninth meeting held from 25 to 27 June 1975 in Athens (Doc. 180/75),
- having regard to the report by the Associations Committee and the Opinion of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 351/75),

1. Approves the principles of the recommendations adopted on 27 June 1975 by the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee;
2. Expresses its respect and its gratitude to all those who fought and suffered for the restoration of democracy and fundamental civil liberties in Greece;
3. Welcomes the desire expressed by all the Greek political forces to participate and cooperate in seeking, as quickly as possible, political and economic solutions which will enable Greece to move from associate to full membership of the European Communities;
4. Approves the request made by the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, to the Greek Government and to the Governments of the Member States of the Community to speed up all the procedures laid down for considering the application for membership; considers it essential for an open and full discussion to be held on the economic and financial problems arising for both Greece and the Community as a result of Greece's application for membership; requests its appropriate committees to carefully follow progress in this sector;
5. Considers that with a view to the future accession of Greece to the European Communities existing relations between the two sides should be consolidated, and believes that the institutions of the association should intensify their activities to take account of the new prospects and requirements;
6. Believes, in view of the new political situation and the new outlook for the development of relations between the two sides, that permanent arrangements for closer and fuller political consultation should be established between Greece and the Community;
7. Expresses its concern at the lack of progress on the Cyprus question during the negotiations last September and in particular that no solution has been found to the problem of the island's refugees, and reiterates its support for the statement by the conference of foreign ministers of the Member States of the Community adopted at its meeting on 13 February 1975;
8. Asks the Council and Commission of the Communities to intensify their efforts to find a negotiated solution to these problems on the basis of the United Nations resolution No 3212 of 1 November 1974 and respecting the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus, an Associated State of the Community in the same way as Greece and Turkey;
9. Emphasizes the remarkable increase in trade between the two sides since the entry into force of the Association Agreement and draws attention to the deficit in Greece's balance of trade with the EEC; notes with satisfaction, however, that the deficit is diminishing;
10. Emphasizes the need for a major effort to modernize Greek agriculture so that it can be integrated into the Community agricultural market;
11. Considers it advisable for the present trend towards diversification of Greek exports to continue;
12. Hopes that the Additional Protocol signed on 28 April 1975 will be speedily ratified and put into effect as soon as possible;
13. Welcomes the entry into force on 1 July 1975 of the Interim Agreement designed to permit the early application of the trade provisions of the Additional Protocol;
14. Welcomes the results achieved at the meeting of the Association Council on 28 July 1975 in Athens as regards harmonization of the agricultural policies and hopes that the next consultations between Greece and the EEC will lead to concrete results that will facilitate the solution of the problems posed by Greece's application for membership;

15. Notes with satisfaction the progress made in trade between the two sides and the progress achieved towards the gradual abolition of customs duties in the sectors laid down in the Association Agreement; in fact, since 1 November 1974, the abolition of tariffs has created a customs union for two-thirds of all such trade;

16. Welcomes the efforts to rapidly utilize the balance of the first Financial Protocol and hopes that a new protocol can be implemented as soon as possible; notes with interest the Greek proposals to the EEC on the utilization of financial aid of this kind;

17. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to keep it informed of problems relating to the emigration of Greek workers to the Member States of the Community;

18. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, to the Greek Parliament, to the Parliaments of the Member States of the Community and to the Greek Government.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the Additional Protocol to the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the accession of new Member States to the Community

The European Parliament,

— having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 238 of the EEC Treaty on the final text of the Additional Protocol to the EEC-Greece Association Agreement signed in Brussels on 28 April 1975 (Doc. 87/75),

— having regard to the report of the Associations Committee and the Opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 337/75),

1. Considers that the Association Agreement should be extended to the three new Member States as soon as possible;

2. Notes with satisfaction that the Interim Agreement, designed to ensure advance application of the provisions on trade in the Additional Protocol extending the association to the three new Member States of the Community, came into force on 1 July 1975;

3. Hopes that the new Additional Protocol, signed on 28 April 1975, will be ratified and implemented without delay;

4. Stresses the need to extend the Association Agreement to the three new Member States in its entirety, since Greece's recent request for membership suggests that association relations are developing satisfactorily, and could open the way for full Greek membership of the EEC.

RESOLUTION
on joint action in the field of air traffic safety

The European Parliament,

- recalling the importance which it has always attached to the continued development of the common transport policy, including the air transport policy,
 - having regard to the growing density of air traffic in European airspace, the ever-increasing speed of civil and military aircraft, and the resulting problems as regards aviation safety,
 - stressing the need for intensive cooperation in view of the restricted airspace available to the countries of Western Europe,
 - having regard to the fact that the agreement establishing the European Organization for Safety in Air Navigation (Eurocontrol) is valid for 20 years, i.e. until the end of 1983,
 - having regard to the fact that the Permanent Commission of the Eurocontrol Organization is at present studying the possibility of a new agreement which could be applied after 1983,
 - having regard to the results obtained during 12 years of cooperation between the seven Member States of the organization,
 - considering that the services and control centres created by the Eurocontrol Organization should constitute an essential part of a future European air transport policy within the original meaning of the convention of 13 December 1960,
 - considering that improved air safety can provide useful stimuli to promote the European aeronautical and electronics industries,
 - aware of the possibility that the Permanent Commission of the Eurocontrol Organization could adopt at the end of November 1975 decisions of far-reaching importance for the future of the organization,
1. Requests the Commission to submit to the Council without delay a proposal for joint action in the field of air traffic safety with a view to bringing the entire aerospace under the control of a single body;
 2. Refers to its resolution of 13 May 1975 on the future role of Eurocontrol;
 3. Asks that the organizations concerned such as IATA (International Air Transport Association) and IFALPA (International Federation of Air Line Pilots Association) be consulted whenever an important decision is to be taken;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and for information to the Permanent Commission of the Eurocontrol organization.

RESOLUTION

on draft amending and supplementary budget No 3 of the European Communities for the financial year 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary drafts of supplementary budgets No 2 and No 4 for 1975 (COM(75) 59 and COM(75) 476) submitted by the Commission,
- having regard to the discussion between its delegation and the Council on 22 September 1975,
- having regard to draft amending and supplementary budget No 3 for 1975 established by the Council on 22 September 1975 (Doc. 279/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 364/75),

1. Considers that the Council bears sole responsibility for this supplementary budget, since, during the discussion of the 1975 general budget, it was not prepared to support the views of the Commission and Parliament and insert in the general budget the *ad hoc* entries (200 million units of account) which are now necessary;

2. Deplores:

- (a) the fact that amending and supplementary budget No 3 has been submitted almost simultaneously with the general budget for 1976, which is incompatible with the spirit of the relevant provisions of the Financial Regulation of the European Communities (Article 1 (4));
- (b) the fact that transfers of funds within the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF amounting to as much as 20 % of the appropriations entered in the annual budget are made towards the end of each financial year, which does not accord with Parliament's political views on the way in which a budget should be implemented;
- (c) the fact that measures within the budgetary procedure can be used to circumvent the annual adoption of the budget by Parliament, which is its responsibility at least as much as it is that of the Council, and also that this amending and supplementary budget clearly shows how ineffective the distinction between 'compulsory' and 'non-compulsory' expenditure is in practice;

3. Urges the Council :

- (a) to undertake to reach a decision, before consideration of the 1977 general budget begins, on the sixth Directive on harmonization of the common basis of assessment of value added tax, which is fundamental to the Community's financial independence, laid down as an objective in the Treaty;
- (b) to include in the annual budget from now on all foreseeable and unavoidable expenditure, in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Treaty and the Financial Regulation;
- (c) to provide — if it continues to insist that certain forecasts are guesswork — in addition to the funds directly entered on budget lines an allocation in Chapter 98 'Non-allocated provisional appropriations' in order both to avoid supplementary budgets and recourse to additional instruments in the course of the financial year, and to make transfers of funds more transparent;
- (d) to apply the Treaty provisions relating to the budget in such a way as to allow Parliament a real say in drawing up the budget and amending it during the financial year;

4. Submits to the Council the amendment adopted by Parliament on Title 4 'Aids, subsidies and financial contributions';

5. Proposes to approve amending and supplementary budget No 3 of the European Communities for 1975 provided the Council does not modify this amendment, which is fully covered by Article 203(8) (EEC), and makes an appropriate statement to Parliament on the reservations expressed in paragraph 3 of this resolution;

6. Observes that the budgetary authority (the Council and the European Parliament) has not commented on the Commission's proposals as regards the supplementary and amending appropriations for research.

RESOLUTION

on the corrections to the European Parliament's estimates of revenue and expenditure for the 1976 financial year (Section I of the draft general budget of the European Communities)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rules 23A, 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the draft amendments annexed thereto (Doc. 366/75),

1. Has corrected its estimates of revenue and expenditure for 1976 in the manner shown in the annexed draft amendments;

2. Has accordingly finally adopted the estimates of revenue and expenditure for 1976 at 52 121 209 units of account (128 437 units of account less than the amount adopted on 19 June 1975).

RESOLUTION

on the draft general budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary draft budget of the European Communities and in particular to the general introduction and Section III 'Commission',
- having regard to the draft general budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year, drawn up by the Council and the accompanying explanatory memorandum (Doc. 306/75), and the letters of amendment to the preliminary draft budget forwarded by the Council by letters of 17 September and 16 October 1975, and the Council's letter of amendment to the draft budget adopted by the Council on 5 November 1975 and forwarded on 6 November 1975,
- having regard to the dialogue with the Commission and the Council,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets, the Opinions of the other committees and the draft amendments and proposed modifications annexed to this report (Doc. 361/75).

General considerations

A. *The inter-institutional dialogue*

1. Welcomes the constructive atmosphere and high quality of the inter-institutional dialogue which opened the 1976 budgetary procedure and hopes that this can be continued under the same conditions until the budget is adopted;

B. *The preliminary draft budget*

2. Recognizes the effort made by the Commission in the clear and full presentation of the broad lines of the preliminary draft budget; welcomes the inclusion in the preliminary draft budget of triennial forecasts, but hopes that these will in future be based on assumptions of a more political character;

C. *The draft budget*

3. Considers that the draft budget submitted to it is not a coherent political document containing a set of forecasts but an accounting record intended for cashiers rather than for politicians;

4. Finds it inadmissible in particular that the explanatory memorandum, which is in any case not sufficiently explicit, already announces several supplementary budgets during the financial year despite the fact that the Financial Regulation allows the entry of provisional appropriations and that Parliament has declared its opposition to the policy of supplementary budgets;

D. *The budgetary calendar*

5. Is fully aware of the practical difficulties presented by the existing budgetary calendar, declares its readiness to envisage an adjustment of this calendar and suggests in this connection an initial examination, before 15 July, of the main lines of the budget for the next financial year;

6. Considers, however, that this adjustment must not encroach on the essential forecasting character of the budget;

I. Evolution of the Community budget

A. *Adaptation of the Treaties to the increase in the budgetary powers of the European Parliament*

7. Deplores the fact that, despite successive reviews of the budgetary procedure (Treaties of 22 April 1970 and 22 July 1975), the artificial character of several current provisions does not allow the Parliament, on matters of substance, a genuine power of co-decision in the adoption of the Community budget;

8. Considers in particular that the mechanism based on the distinction between compulsory and non-compulsory expenditure must be abolished;

9. Therefore considers a subsequent review of the Treaties essential in order to give the European Parliament elected by direct universal suffrage clear and comprehensive budgetary powers from the outset;

10. Reaffirms its wish for this review to be completed before 31 December 1976 ⁽¹⁾ so that it can apply to the consideration of the 1978 budget;

B. *Definitive introduction of the system of own resources*

11. Points out that, according to the time schedule laid down in the Decision of 21 April 1970, the Community VAT system should have been applicable on 1 January 1975, and criticizes the Council's failure in this area;

12. Reiterates its request for this system to enter into force on 1 January 1977 at the latest ⁽²⁾;

C. *Respect for certain fundamental principles in the budgetary sphere*

13. Points out that in its presentation and implementation, the Community budget must respect certain basic rules of budgetary law and in particular:

- (a) show all categories of revenue and expenditure of the Communities without exception, including lending activities and the various funds;
- (b) include all expenditure foreseeable at the time of its adoption so as to render exceptional the submission of supplementary budgets;
- (c) authorize expenditure for a period of one calendar year only, while enabling appropriations to be carried forward and commitment appropriations used according to clear and precise procedures;

D. *Need for inter-institutional cooperation*

14. Stresses the essential need for an ongoing and open dialogue between the institutions throughout the budgetary period in order to facilitate in particular the achievement of the necessary agreements between the Parliament and the Council;

II. Broad lines of the 1976 draft budget

A. *Application of the budgetary mechanism*

15. Notes the Council's declaration recognizing the definitive nature of the Parliament's margin for manœuvre and considers, in agreement with the Commission, that this margin amounts to at least 78 million units of account for the 1976 budget; points out that beyond this margin the Treaties allow it, in agreement with the Council, to decide on a higher increase in non-compulsory expenditure;

⁽¹⁾ See paragraph 30 of the resolution tabled by Mr Lange on behalf of the Committee on Budgets and adopted by the European Parliament on 11 July 1975 (OJ No C 179, 6. 8. 1975, p. 48).

⁽²⁾ See paragraph 5 of the resolution tabled by Mr Notenboom on behalf of the Committee on Budgets and adopted by the European Parliament on 20 June 1975 (OJ No C 157, 14. 7. 1975, p. 86).

16. Expects the Council to include in future draft budgets columns showing the appropriations proposed by the Commission in the preliminary draft budget;

B. The Council's budgetary and political options

17. Deplores the absence of any justification and precise political commitment in the explanatory memorandum to the draft budget;

18. Considers that the draft budget reflects a regrettably strained attitude and a reluctance to face the Community's economic difficulties;

19. Recognizes the motives for the Council's concern for austerity but considers that the artificially induced stagnation of Community expenditure will bring no immediate alleviation of the present economic difficulties of the Member States and will in the medium term jeopardize the coordinated revival of their economies;

20. Therefore stresses that in 1976 a rate of expenditure capable of allowing the development of community activities and in particular further integration of the socio-economic structures of the Member States must be maintained;

21. Keenly regrets the Council's refusal to allow the financing of new Community actions in the 1976 financial year, thus giving an unfortunate impression of inertia in the draft budget;

C. Overall assessment of the main lines of the draft budget

22. Approves the intention manifested by the Commission of resorting increasingly to loans to finance certain Community activities; regrets the restrictive attitude adopted by the Council in this area and points out that the borrowing and lending operations must be budgetized so as to enable parliamentary authorization and control to be exercised effectively;

23. Deplores the low rate of growth in real terms (less than 10 %) in the appropriations provided for 1976 and the heightened imbalance of the budget towards the agricultural sector (74 % of the total appropriations);

24. Notes that this imbalance is essentially due to the smallness of the appropriations intended for the non-agricultural operational sectors;

III. Consideration of the main activity sectors

A. Operating appropriations.

25. Considers that the Commission must have at its disposal the staff needed to cope with increase in its work resulting from Council Decisions and must be able to ensure normal progression of the careers of its officials; therefore considers that the appropriations entered in the preliminary draft for the creation of posts must be partially reinstated;

26. Nevertheless calls on the Commission to review the staff structure together with representatives of the institutions and organs of the Communities, the trade unions and the Staff Regulations Committee, in order to ensure the rational and efficient employment of staff at all levels and in all departments; also calls for efforts to be made, if necessary, to review the Staff Regulations in order to bring the system of remuneration and salaries into line with present and future factors and requirements;

B. Agricultural sector

27. Points out that an active social and structural policy can alone enable the EAGGF administrative expenditure to be regularized and reduced;

28. Therefore, regrets the relative reduction in the share of agricultural appropriations earmarked for guidance actions;

29. Regrets the absence of full annual budgetary forecasts for the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF;

C. Social sector

30. Is fully aware of the gravity of the social problems created by the economic crisis, in particular for younger members of the population, and finds the appropriations entered for the Community social policy inadequate;

D. Regional sector

31. Considers that as the payment appropriations entered in the draft budget may prove inadequate, an additional provision must be entered in Chapter 98 so as to avoid the possible need for a supplementary budget;

E. Research, technology, industry, energy sector

32. Deplores the inadequacy of the appropriations provided for this sector (1·8 % of the total budget), reflecting the Council's indecision in areas which are vital parts of the Community economy;

33. Considers that a large proportion at least of the appropriations provided for by the Commission must be reinstated to enable these actions to be initiated rapidly once the Council has taken the necessary decisions;

F. Development aid sector

34. Cannot accept the reduction in appropriations below the 1975 level proposed by the Council and considers it essential on the contrary to increase Community aid in line with the enormous needs of the developing countries;

35. Considers in particular that the appropriations proposed for food aid must be reinstated and that the actions anticipated in favour of the non-associated developing countries and the Maghreb must appear in the budget;

Conclusions

36. (a) Expects the Council to react favourably to its observations and suggestions concerning the evolution of the budgetary procedure, the introduction of the Community VAT and compliance with certain budgetary rules;

(b) wishes to examine these points with the Council in the further course of the dialogue on the adoption of the 1976 budget;

(c) believes that this adoption will be greatly facilitated by bringing the positions of the two institutions closer together on these essential matters;

37. Invites the Council to make the budget a political instrument fundamental to Community life;

38. Considers that it is the duty of each of the institutions to contribute on a constantly increasing scale, through the budget, to the Community's efforts to overcome social and economic difficulties and to strengthen integration in the vital sectors of Community activity;

39. Instructs its President to forward the modified draft budget, this resolution, the minutes of this sitting and the report of its Committee on Budgets to the Council.

RESOLUTION

on Sections II and IV of the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976, relating to the Council and Court of Justice of the Communities

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 367/75),

1. Approves Section II relating to the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the Council of the Communities;

2. In view of requirements arising from the increased work load of the secretariat of the Economic and Social Committee, considers it advisable to convert:

-- two LA 4 posts to two LA 3 posts,

-- two A5/4 posts to two A3 posts, and

-- one C 2 post to B 5/4 (technical)

in Annex I 'Economic and Social Committee' to Section II 'Council'.

3. Approves the estimates of revenue and expenditure in Section IV 'Court of Justice of the European Communities'.

RESOLUTION

on the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations on Zionism

The European Parliament,

— deeply concerned at the result of the vote of the General Assembly of the United Nations of 10 November 1975 on the resolution on Zionism;

— regretting that this vote further reduces the prestige of an organization which may lose all respect for its universal vocation in the service of world peace;

1. Supports the nine Governments of the Community, which unanimously voted against this resolution;
 2. Itself condemns, in the name of the peoples of the European Community the incomprehensible and absurd equation of Zionism with racism, as well as the moral and political consequences which are not conducive to the achievement of a peaceful co-existence for the people or, in particular, the creation of peace in the Middle East;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.
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RESOLUTION

on the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Andrei Sakharov

The European Parliament,

— deeply gratified that the Nobel Peace Prize Committee has awarded the Prize to Andrei Sakharov

— convinced that this great scientist and champion of human rights has made a direct contribution to the mutual understanding of nations and individuals and thereby rendered an invaluable service to the cause of peace,

1. Condemns the refusal of the Soviet authorities to grant Mr Andrei Sakharov a visa enabling him to go to Oslo to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in person;
 2. Considers that this refusal is manifestly at variance with the undertakings resulting from the final act of the Helsinki conference on security and cooperation in Europe;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States and to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 on the extension of trade union rights to workers moving within the Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 273/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 354/75),
1. Regrets that the Commission, despite the express stipulation of a time limit of not more than two years after the adoption of Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68, has taken a further five years to submit a proposal for amending Article 8 of that Regulation;
 2. Requests the Commission, pursuant to Article 149 of the EEC Treaty, to lay before the Council, together with the present proposal, a formal draft recommendation, as provided for in Article 189 of the EEC Treaty, guaranteeing equality of treatment in the exercise of trade union rights not only to workers from the Member States of the European Community but also to migrant workers from third countries, as already formulated in the action programme in favour of migrant workers;
 3. Requests the Commission, furthermore, pursuant to Article 149 of the EEC Treaty to incorporate in the proposal for a regulation the right of participation as a trade union representative in the management of bodies governed by public law, together with the holding of offices governed by public law, in such a way as to bring this into line with the action programme in favour of migrant workers and their families;
 4. Calls upon the Commission to undertake a survey of all the trade union rights enjoyed by migrant workers in the individual Member States, with a view to the eventual extension of these at Community level.

(¹) OJ No C 221, 27. 9. 1975, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities concerning the annual report on the economic situation in the Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the annual report on the economic situation in the Community and the economic policy guidelines for 1976 submitted by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (75) 520 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 4 of the Decision of 18 February 1974 (Doc. 334/75),
 - having regard to its resolutions of 15 October 1974 (¹), 13 November 1974 (²) and 13 March 1975 (³),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 362/75),
1. Agrees with the Commission's description of the present situation as the severest recession since the war;
 2. Approves the cautious evaluation of conjunctural data and the restrained terms in which the Commission predicts an upturn in the economy at the beginning of next year;
 3. Agrees with the guidelines proposed by the Commission for the economic policy to be pursued by the Member States in 1976, the basic content of which is as follows:
 - a flexible budgetary policy designed to prevent a further conjunctural recession, without over-stimulating domestic demand; in the event of an appreciable economic improvement the budgetary deficits could be reduced in 1976;

(¹) OJ No C 140, 13. 11. 1974, p. 15.

(²) OJ No C 155, 9. 12. 1974, p. 22.

(³) OJ No C 76, 7. 4. 1975, p. 27.

— as before monetary and credit policies in most of the Member States should continue to favour expansion, in order to reinforce economic recovery, although an excessive increase in the money supply should be avoided;

— all the economic groups should regard as their main objective the creation of suitable conditions for an economic revival; their cooperation is essential if confidence in the future of the economy is to be restored;

4. Reaffirms its resolution of March 1975 on the economic situation and emphasizes the continuing validity of the general economic objectives: reducing unemployment, particularly by means of productive investment, fighting inflation, improving balances of payments, ensuring reasonable growth, gradually removing the disparities that threaten both the political cohesion of the Community and social cohesion in certain Member States;

5. Notes with regret that owing to the Council's unwillingness to take the required decisions, Community economic policy instruments cannot be created or where they exist, cannot be adequately utilized; refers in this context to the unsatisfactory state of progress towards economic and monetary union and stresses that it was not yet possible in 1975 to grant Community loans as a gesture of financial solidarity;

6. Fears that the lack of medium-term economic policy objectives for the Community will hamper the efforts being made by the Member States to counteract the present situation with the traditional means afforded by budgetary, monetary and credit policies and flanking measures under wages and incomes policies;

7. Calls on the Commission and Council, therefore, to develop medium-term economic objectives for the Community without delay so that the structural components of the recession in the Community may be changed;

8. Emphasizes that the monetary cooperation of certain Member States has helped to make of the Community, at a time of worldwide economic and monetary instability, a zone of relative stability; stresses the Community's special economic responsibility as regards the world economy as a whole, and in particular undisrupted international trade;

9. Believes that everything should be done to ensure that Europe makes a major contribution to the reorganization of the world monetary and economic system;

10. Calls on the Community in this connection to act increasingly as a single entity and adopt a common position in international organizations according to the letter (Article 116 of the EEC Treaty) and spirit of the Treaties;

11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the transcript of the oral explanatory statement to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the national Parliaments and Governments of the Member States for their information.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3255/74 of 19 December 1974 extending and amending Regulation (EEC) No 1174/68 of 30 July 1968 on the introduction of a system of bracket tariffs for the carriage of goods by road between Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 490 fin., part VI),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 324/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 349/75),
 - 1. Approves the Commission proposal;
 - 2. Regrets that the system of bracket tariffs at present applicable to cross frontier carriage of goods by road under Regulation (EEC) No 1174/68 was extended by Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3255/74 only until 31 December 1975, although the Commission and the European Parliament had called for an extension until 31 December 1976;
 - 3. Emphasizes that the system of bracket tariffs is merely temporary and experimental in nature;
 - 4. Welcomes the fact that the Commission has now, within the framework of a long-term plan for goods transport markets, put forward a proposal for a Council Regulation for a more flexible system of purely indicatives reference tariffs to replace the existing compulsory bracket tariffs, which proved impracticable in regard to both implementation and monitoring;
 - 5. Notes that a decision on the Commission's proposal for a system of reference tariffs is unlikely to be reached until the end of 1976 at the earliest;
 - 6. Deems it desirable, therefore, that the present Regulation should be extended until 31 December 1976, since otherwise no legislation would be in force in this sector during 1976.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the Community quota for the carriage of goods by road between Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 490),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 324/75/II),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 350/75),
 - 1. Welcomes the fact that the Commission's objectives in the present proposal are conducive to the establishment of a definitive set of rules for the organization of the transport market;
 - 2. Notes with satisfaction that the number of Community authorizations proposed for 1976 is double the Community quota for 1975;
 - 3. Considers that the substantial increase in the Community quota is an important step towards the final stage of the programme for achieving free competition in the carriage of goods by road between Member States;
 - 4. Supports paragraph 4(b) of Article 3 of the proposal, which provides for an increase of 20 % in the number of authorizations and current quotas if the Council does not reach a decision in good time;
 - 5. Agrees that carriers should no longer be required to keep record sheets for transport operations effected under Community authorizations;
 - 6. Nevertheless urges the Commission to keep a careful check on the use made of Community authorizations and also on supply and demand developments in the road haulage sector;
 - 7. Notes with satisfaction that the present proposal forms part of a set of measures designed to secure a significant improvement in the functioning of the transport market within the Community;
 - 8. Accordingly approves the Commission's proposal.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the education of the children of migrant workers

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council on 3 August 1975 (Doc. 224/75),
 - having regard to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth and the Opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 375/75),
1. Agrees with the Commission that, within the framework of the action programme for migrant workers, special measures should be taken concerning the education of the children of such workers and that, since the Treaty does not provide the powers of action necessary to take these measures, which are aimed at improving living and working conditions in the Community, recourse should be had to the provisions of Article 235;
 2. Believes that these measures constitute an essential part of the educational aspects of the Community's social policy;
 3. Approves all the measures proposed by the Commission of the European Communities, which apply to all children of migrant workers;
 4. Feels nevertheless that the Commission should invite the Member States to provide it with the relevant statistics, notify the bases on which the statistics are drawn up, and harmonize them;
 5. Regrets the fact that the Commission's proposal does not contain measures
 - to expand reception facilities;
 - to harmonize curricula in the light of the different cultural environments;
 - to create extra-curricular services;
 - for the exchange of teaching aids between Member States;
 6. Likewise regrets the lack of detail on the criteria for appointing and the legal status of staff from the countries of origin to teach in the host countries;
 7. Requests that, as an initial step, the existing European schools be opened more widely to the children of migrant workers;
 8. Requests that, with a view to the speedier integration of migrant children into the host country's educational system and the maintenance of cultural links with the country of origin, the schools of the Member States should be organized in such a way that migrant children find throughout the Community a bicultural education with a Community basis;
 9. Is convinced that schools should provide a bicultural education beginning with the nursery stage and calls for easier access to nursery classes for migrant children;
 10. Requests that a special effort be made to enable the children of migrant workers to complete their primary education and first stage of secondary education giving them access to trade apprenticeships, technical education or a second stage of secondary education and further education, and requests that those children who have completed this primary and secondary education in their own country be given a school-leaving certificate in the host country;
 11. Believes that parent's associations should be able to participate more actively in decisions affecting the school life of their children and should include more migrant workers among their members;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 213, 17. 9. 1975, p. 2.

12. Requests that the pedagogical institute which it is proposed to set up as part of the European school system should be given the task of developing, in liaison with national pedagogical institutes, the most suitable methods for providing a bicultural education in all schools, having regard to the special needs of migrant children;
 13. Urges that effective cooperation should be established between the competent authorities in the countries of origin and the host countries for the purpose of collecting statistics, informing migrant workers of their rights and responsibilities in the matter of their children's schooling, training teachers for these children, and establishing criteria for teacher appointment and qualifications;
 14. Urges in particular that, in accordance with Community law, account be taken of the need to respect equality of opportunity as regards scholarships for further education, and that this should be extended to all children of migrant workers;
 15. Hopes that, as part of the budgetary procedure, the Council will also approve the appropriations re-entered by Parliament in the budget for the financial year 1976 for the Commission's educational activities, in particular study and pilot projects on behalf of the children of migrant workers;
 16. Requests, at all events, that the Council and Commission of the European Communities call on the Member States to proceed without delay with the initial measures required to implement the Directive;
 17. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to adopt the following amendment pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1056/72 on notifying the Commission of investment projects of interest to the Community in the petroleum, natural gas and electricity sectors

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 232/75),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinion of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 338/75),
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on the question of energy policy and in particular:
 - its resolution of 10 June 1970, Biaggi report (Doc. 51/70), and
 - its resolution of 13 March 1975⁽²⁾ on the objectives of a Community energy policy (Doc. 524/74),
1. Welcomes the fact that the Council has recognized the importance for the Commission to have available the most accurate information on investment projects in the energy field;
 2. Welcomes the amendment proposed to Regulation (EEC) No 1056/72 with a view to rectifying certain omissions and enabling the Commission to carry out the tasks assigned to it by the Council;
 3. Considers essential the inclusion of investments for desulphurization plants and refineries which will in future play an increasingly important part in the protection of the environment;
 4. Emphasizes therefore the need for these projects to be carried out in parallel in all the industries, both national and European, to avoid any distortion of competition;
 5. Stresses the great benefit that would be derived from systematic information on national and European networks;
 6. Invites the Commission, however, to ensure that the communication of information on nuclear investment projects conforms to the Euratom Treaty;
 7. Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 219, 25. 9. 1975, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 76, 7. 4. 1975, p. 30.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a multiannual environmental research and development programme of the European Economic Community — indirect action — (1976 to 1980)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 209/75),

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 328/75),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;

2. Urges, however, in agreement with the Advisory Committee on the Management of Environmental Research Programmes, that research in the fields under consideration should be sufficiently broad-based and intensive to yield significant results;

3. Urges the Commission to apply where necessary for additional appropriations far enough ahead to ensure continuity in Community environmental research;

4. Insists that the Council approve, without any cuts, the multiannual environmental research and development programme (1976 to 1980) proposed by the Commission by the end of 1975;

5. Asks the Commission to submit an annual report on the implementation of the environmental research programme not only to the Council but also to the European Parliament;

6. Looks forward to the Commission's document on the main outlines of the multiannual research programme for the Joint Research Centre (direct action) beginning in 1977 and stresses that this programme must be a meaningful addition to indirect action;

7. Invites the Commission to adopt the following amendment to the text proposal for a Council Decision adopting an environmental research programme for the European Economic Community (indirect action), pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;

8. Requests its committee to keep a close watch over the implementation of the environmental protection programme and to report annually on the objectives achieved.

(¹) OJ No C 222, 29. 9. 1975, p. 117.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a multiannual Community research programme on biology and health protection for the period 1976 to 1980

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 351 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 223/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 336/75),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;

 2. Expresses its satisfaction at the fact that the Community is further pursuing its efforts in the field of research into the effects of nuclear radiation;

 3. Urges the Commission, however, not to expand participation by the Biology Group at the JRC at Ispra;

 4. Requests the Commission to incorporate in its draft Decision a further Article making possible a review during the course of the programme;

 5. Requests the Council to approve the full amount of the allocation asked for, and to make these funds available in full for the programme years in question;

 6. Notes with satisfaction that the results of the research will be published, and that information and experience of potential use to the various laboratories will be exchanged;

 7. Urges the Commission to ensure that the Advisory Committee on the management of these programmes carries out its task of coordination and guidance in such a way as to guarantee optimum implementation of the programmes;

 8. Finally, considers it of the utmost importance for the protection of health and of the environment that the Commission should examine in what areas there is still no research, or inadequate research, in relation to the dangers associated with ionizing radiation, and should if necessary introduce proposals.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a multiannual research and development programme of the European Economic Community for reference materials and methods (Community Bureau of Reference — BCR) (1976 to 1978) — indirect action

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 352 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 203/75),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 363/75),
 - having regard to its past resolutions in the field of standards and reference substances and in particular its resolution of 16 December 1971 on a programme of research and education for the European Atomic Energy Community and a research programme for the European Economic Community in the field of standards and reference substances and in the field of the protection of the environment ⁽¹⁾, and its resolution of 11 December 1972 embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for three Decisions and several other documents concerning the new multiannual research and education programme of the Communities ⁽²⁾,
1. Welcomes the applied nature of the proposed research programme for reference materials and methods, and its relevance to the needs of industry;
 2. Considers indirect action, which has produced satisfactory results efficiently and economically, to be suitable for projects of this nature;
 3. Welcomes the information that certain research projects initiated by the Community Bureau of Reference have been financed by industrial research institutes and feels that this is to be encouraged;
 4. Emphasizes the need for the close coordination of this programme with national research in this field and stresses, therefore, the importance of the role of the Advisory Committee on Programme Management;
 5. Requests the Commission to prepare proposals for more closely coordinating the activities at present being carried out by the direct and indirect action programmes, putting them both in the framework of the Community Bureau of Reference;
 6. Requests the Commission to consider the establishment of a Community 'Standards' Bureau ⁽³⁾; and devise terms of reference for this activity to meet the specific needs of the Community;
 7. Regrets the short notice given by the Council for consideration of this document;
 8. Approves the Commission's proposal and appeals to the Council to adopt the programme proposed by the Commission and to make available budgetary appropriations necessary for its implementation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 2, 11. 1. 1972, p. 24.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 138, 31. 12. 1972, p. 9.

⁽³⁾ It would appear that no uniform accepted equivalent of this term exists in the six Community languages, thus any literal translation would be inaccurate. The English term 'standards' best denotes in all languages the concept envisaged.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulations (EEC) No 1408/71 and (EEC) No 574/72 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons and their families moving within the Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 275/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 356/75),
1. Declares that it agrees with any initiatives aimed at harmonizing social security schemes in the Community;
 2. Expresses its satisfaction with the present proposal from the Commission, which it approves without modification;
 3. Asks the Commission of the European Communities, in the light of the motion for a resolution tabled by Sir Brandon Rhys Williams (⁽²⁾), to provide the information necessary to enable Parliament to take initiatives to speed up further the harmonization of the social systems of the Member States referred to in Article 117 of the EEC Treaty.

(¹) OJ No C 226, 3. 10. 1975, p. 2.

(²) Doc. 360/74.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on European Social Fund measures to aid vocational adaptation operations

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 501 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 331/75),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets) (Doc. 357/75),
1. Recalls in particular paragraphs 1 and 2 of its resolution of 13 May 1975 (⁽¹⁾), the principles of which it fully upholds;
 2. Regards the present Decision as an urgent task for Community legislation in view of the persistent unemployment situation;
 3. Objects to the fact that this part of the proposal of 16 April 1975 (⁽²⁾), left open in the Council Decision of 30 June 1975 (⁽³⁾), was not forwarded to Parliament until the middle of October, four months later;
 4. Expresses satisfaction at the fact that, in its reformulation of the relevant part of its original proposal, the Commission has by and large taken account of the views of the European Parliament, particularly as laid down in paragraph 6 of its resolution of 13 May 1975;
 5. Notes that, as a consequence, Article 1 of the present proposal is put in a more abstract way, and as this might make its application more difficult, believes that this Article should be re-worded;
 6. Sees this proposal as a further step towards making the Social Fund the superlative instrument for a Community labour market policy;
 7. Approves the Commission's proposal and urges the Council to consider it as a matter of priority at its next meeting.

(¹) OJ No C 128, 9. 6. 1975, p. 10.

(²) Doc. 73/75.

(³) Decision 75/459/EEC (OJ No L 199, 30. 7. 1975, p. 36).

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision in regard to the intervention of the European Social Fund in favour of persons occupied in the textile and clothing sectors

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 502 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 332/75),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets) (Doc. 358/75),
1. Endorses the indefinite extension of support from the European Social Fund for the clothing and textile sectors made available by Council Decision 72/429/EEC ⁽¹⁾ and its simultaneous extension to the whole textiles and chemical fibres sector, including the self-employed;
 2. Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 160.

RESOLUTION

on the outcome of the World Food Conference (Rome, 5 to 15 November 1974) and on the Community's position as regards a world food policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communications from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council of 30 January 1974 (SEC(74) 377 fin.), 9 December 1974 (SEC(74) 4955 fin.) and 3 March 1975 (SEC(75) 704 fin.),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 326/75),

— recalling its resolution of 12 July 1974⁽¹⁾ on the memorandum from the Commission of the European Communities on Community food aid policy,

1. Stresses the importance of the World Food Conference, which — constituting a first step towards international consultation in this sphere — has made it possible to view the food problem in a world-wide context;

2. Observes that — despite sound preparation by the Commission's departments — the Council and the Member States failed to present a united front at the conference;

3. Stresses once again:

(a) the urgent need for the European Community to make a real increase in its food aid, so that it at least reaches the level proposed by the Commission, i.e. to increase:

— aid in the form of cereals by 356 500 metric tons, which would bring the total aid in cereals from the Community and its Member States to 1 643 500 metric tons,

— aid in sugar products by 3 900 metric tons, bringing the total aid to 10 000 metric tons,
by allocating an additional 20 million units of account;

(b) and the need to increase the aid in dairy products by 75 000 metric tons, bringing the total aid to 130 000 metric tons as suggested by Parliament in its budget proposal;

4. Enphasizes the need for a Decision on this matter to be taken very soon, in view of the urgent needs of the recipient countries and of the fact that the volume of EEC food aid has not as yet increased since the World Food Conference;

5. Believes that the Community ought to improve its own efforts still further, particularly with regard to the forward planning of its food aid in accordance with the resolution adopted by the conference and approved by the Member States;

6. Is of the opinion that the Community ought to participate actively in the work of the World Food Council, which presupposes recognition of the Community as a full member and the immediate adaptation of the internal rules of that Council;

7. Believes that by submitting an outline for an agreement on cereals — which includes in particular a storage system — the EEC has made a positive start to the international discussions on this matter;

8. Considers that the Community and its Member States ought to collaborate in a positive manner in establishing a new international agreement on cereals that should include in particular provisions concerning stocks, so that adequate world reserves may be set up in accordance with the principles and aims set out in the international undertaking on the security of world food supplies;

9. Calls on the Community and its Member States to participate as soon as possible in the International Fund for Agricultural Development and welcomes the decision of the Council and the Member States to join the Worldwide Food and Agriculture Information and Early-warning System, these two bodies being essential to ensure world food security;

10. Notes with satisfaction the efforts made by the EEC to boost food production in the developing countries and urges that this policy be continued and, if possible, extended, in particular with regard to the supply and production of fertilizers;

11. Stresses the need for active and positive participation by all the countries of the world in the fight against the present threat of famine and, in this connection, deplores the refusal of such important countries as China and the USSR to make known their harvest estimates;

12. Notes that the contract for massive quantities of cereals recently drawn up between the United States and the USSR threatens to aggravate the supply position of the deprived countries by pushing up prices;

13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Council.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974, p. 88.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 464/75 of 27 February 1975 establishing systems of premiums for producers of bovine animals

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 209 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 292/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 340/75),

Rejects the Commission's proposal.

¹) OJ No C 238, 18. 10. 1975, p. 10.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulations (EEC) No 1059/69, (EEC) No 1060/69, (EEC) No 2682/72, No 120/67/EEC, (EEC) No 3330/74, (EEC) No 765/68 and (EEC) No 950/68 as regards the classification in the Common Customs Tariff of certain types of sorbitol

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 296/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 341/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 238, 18. 10. 1975, p. 11.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation totally or partially suspending Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products, falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Malta (1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 295/75),
- having regard to the report of the Associations Committee and the Opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 342/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 238, 18. 10. 1975, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive amending for the fourth time Directive 73/241/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 219/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 322/75),
1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal, whose purpose is to lay down the individual weights for marketing cocoa powder products, as had been provided for in the basic Directive;
 2. Urges the Council to take early action on the proposal, in view of the time that has already elapsed since the time limit set in the basic Directive for the fixing of these weights.

(¹) OJ No C 198, 29. 8. 1975, p. 5.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision accepting the Customs Cooperation Council's recommendation of 1 January 1975 (SITC/BTN rev. 2)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 207/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 372/75),
- Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 197, 28. 8. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the recommendation from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision accepting on behalf of the Community several Annexes to the International Convention on the simplification and harmonization of customs procedures

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the recommendation from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 253/75),
 - having regard to the report from the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 373/75),
1. Welcomes the Commission's recommendation as a further step towards the liberalization of international trade;
 2. Approves of the Commission's recommendation.

(¹) OJ No C 237, 17. 10. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a certain number of agricultural products

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 515 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 352/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 370/75),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Reminds the Commission that it has been asked by the European Parliament on a number of occasions:
 - (a) to submit a report on reasons for the inadequate supplies of agricultural products which have been the subject of proposals from the Commission for the suspension of autonomous duties;
 - (b) to abolish tariffs, at a suitable time, for those products where there is no significant Community production.
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RESOLUTION

on the giving of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1971 on the basis of the report of the Audit Board

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Decision unanimously adopted by Parliament on 11 November 1975, on the giving of a discharge to the Commission of the European Communities in respect of the implementation of the European Communities' budget for the financial year 1971 (Doc. 365/75),
 - notes, from an observation by the representative of the President of the Council, that paragraph 2 of the above proposal for a Decision was based on an erroneous assumption,
 - having regard to the supplementary report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 378/75),
1. Decides to delete paragraph 2 of the original report;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on reciprocal recognition of navigation licences for inland waterway vessels

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 512),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 355/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 359/75),
- Approves the Commission's proposal.
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RESOLUTION
on the effects of a European foreign policy on defence questions

The European Parliament,

— recalling:

- (a) its resolution of 6 April 1973 (¹) in which it expressed its view 'that cooperation in the foreign policy sphere must eventually take into account defence and security policy',
 - (b) its report on the sixth general report of the Commission of the European Communities in which it expressed its view: 'that a veritable "European union" (as foreseen in paragraph 16 of the Paris declaration) which should achieve the transformation into a European identity of all relations between its Member States cannot be restricted solely to the economic and social fields but must include measures of political cooperation and cannot leave out of account measures of defence cooperation',
 - (c) the statement in the European identity paper agreed at the Copenhagen summit meeting of 14 December 1973 that: 'the Nine, one of whose essential aims is to maintain peace, will never succeed in doing so if they neglect their own security',
 - (d) the declaration on Atlantic relations approved by the North Atlantic Council at Ottawa on 19 June 1974 which stated: 'the further progress towards unity which the Member States of the European Community are determined to make should, in due course, have a beneficial effect on the contribution to the common defence of the Alliance of those of them who belong to it',
- observing nevertheless that while some welcome progress has been made in harmonizing the foreign policies of all the Members of the enlarged Community, there has been no corresponding progress towards the harmonization of the defence policies of the Nine,
- stressing the need to avoid a strategic imbalance capable of prejudicing both European security and the prospect of a genuine East-West *détente*,
- drawing attention to the consequent need for members of the Community to strengthen the North Atlantic Alliance by developing their own specifically European effort,
- believing, especially in view of the human and social aspects of defence problems, in the need to make the optimum use of the manpower resources available for defence purposes,
- convinced, therefore, of the evident and urgent need to achieve the most effective form of defence by rationalizing both the production of armaments, and logistics and infrastructure in the Community, so as to offset the very high rise in defence costs which is due largely to technical evolution, and also of the need to demonstrate that Community members are making an appropriate contribution to the common defence,
- persuaded that, if such action resulted, as it might well, in the better deployment of available resources in Western Europe it could have no unfavourable effect on current or future East-West negotiations,
- welcoming and supporting the new efforts of the European States to take appropriate measures in the field of armaments cooperation,
1. Urges those Governments of the Nine which may wish to take part in such a programme:
 - (a) to initiate immediately, as part of the existing procedure for harmonizing the foreign policy of Member States, a technical study of the best means of achieving the objectives set out above;
 - (b) to set up an agency ultimately aimed at the joint manufacture of weapons to meet the requirements of the Member States;
 - (c) to draw up and adopt as soon as possible a general plan embodying the above proposals;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States of the Community.

(¹) OJ No C 26, 30. 4. 1973, p. 25.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the production subsidies which the United Kingdom is authorized to retain in respect of cereals

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal, from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 227/75).
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 302/75),

Notes that the proposal of the Commission is no longer justified in view of the international price levels of cereals, and in consequence rejects the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 210, 12. 9. 1975, p. 4.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation establishing general rules concerning the supply of milk fats as food aid under the 1976 programme to certain developing countries and international agencies

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 586 Fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 439/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 442/75),

1. Approves the proposal that butter or butteroil equivalent to an amount of 45 000 metric tons of butteroil shall be made available to developing countries and international organizations as food aid under the 1976 programme;
 2. Requests the Commission and Council to take appropriate steps to make a greater quantity available;
 3. Reiterates the importance of the proposals made by the Commission (Doc. 430/74) in particular with regard to quantitative proposals for the period 1974 to 1977;
 4. Requests the Council, therefore, formally to adopt this proposal as soon as possible and, if possible, before the end of this year.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 589 Fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 417/75),
- having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75 of 24 June 1975 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and to the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 443/75),

1. Approves the proposal for a regulation, which extends for six months until 30 June 1976, the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75;
2. Recalls that, should the Community market in beef and veal be disrupted by the importation of products covered by this proposal, any Member State may invoke, either the safeguard clause of the basic Regulation on the common organization of the market in beef and veal, or the safeguard clause set out in Article 10 of the Convention of Lomé, which also covers the products in question.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council, for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75 of 24 June 1975 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Regulation from the Commission to the Council (COM(75) 618 fin),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 430/75),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 444/75),

Approves the proposal in that:

- (a) It conforms to the commitments entered into under the Convention signed at Lomé on 28 February 1975 and will stimulate the growth of exports of plants originating in the ACP States and falling within heading Nos 06.03 and 06.04 of the Common Customs Tariff;
 - (b) In the event of the risk of disturbances to the Community market, any Member State may have recourse to the safeguard clauses provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 234/68 on the common organization of the market in live trees and other plants and in Article 10 of the Convention of Lomé, in respect of the products referred to in this Regulation.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the allocation for 1975 of appropriations from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and deferring certain final dates for the years 1975 and 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 335/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 436/75),

1. Approves in principle the Commission's proposal;

2. Recalls its fundamental hostility to all transfers of appropriations from the Guidance Section to the Guarantee Section and recalls especially the rejection of the proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 464/75 of 27 February 1975 establishing a system of premiums for producers of bovine animals;

3. Therefore opposes the allocation of 62·5 million units of account to the Guarantee Section for the purpose of granting premiums to producers of bovine animals and calls upon the Commission to amend its proposal accordingly.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 265, 19. 11. 1975, p. 5.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation setting up a financial mechanism

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 230/75),
- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities (COM(75) 40) concerning 'the unacceptable situation and the correcting mechanism',
- having regard to the guidelines laid down at the conference of Heads of State or Government in Paris on 10 December 1974,
- having regard to the communiqué published following the conference of Heads of State or Government in Dublin on 10 and 11 March 1975,
- having regard to the preparation for and the result of the referendum held in the United Kingdom on 5 June 1975 on the continued membership of that country in the Communities,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and to the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 427/75),

1. Finds that a decision in principle has already been taken at the European Council of 10 and 11 March 1975 on the proposal now laid before Parliament, a decision that was an important factor in the negotiations which preceded the British referendum of 5 June 1975;
2. Considers, therefore, that there was no point in consulting Parliament subsequently on this proposal for a Regulation;
3. Confines itself therefore to merely taking note of this proposal;
4. Affirms that it cannot accept that in future such decisions affecting certain fundamental financial provisions should be taken without Parliament's active participation;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Parliaments of the Member States and to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 201, 3. 9. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

on the Dragon project

The European Parliament,

- having noted with concern the present intention to close down the Dragon project by 31 March 1976,
1. Requests the Commission to present urgently proposals to the Council, which will enable the continuation of the project until 30 September 1976 in order to allow for negotiations to take place with a view to ensuring the long-term future of the project;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.
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RESOLUTION

on the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1976, modified by the Council
on 3 December 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary draft general budget of the European Communities for 1976,
- having regard to the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1976 (Doc. 306/75) and the letters of amendment of 17 September and 10 November 1975 (COM(75) 477 and Doc. 371/75),
- having regard to its deliberations of 11 and 13 November 1975 (Doc. 361/75),
- having regard to the meeting of its delegation with the Council on 3 December 1975,
- having regard to the outcome of the Council's deliberations on the amendments and proposed modifications adopted by Parliament (Doc. 428/75),
- having regard to its deliberations of 16 and 18 December 1975,
- having regard to the report of its Committee on Budgets (Doc. 441/75),

I. Evolution of the Community budget

1. Confirms the position expressed by it in its first resolution on the draft budget for 1976 (Doc. 361/75) relating to:
 - the adaptation of the Treaties to the increase in the European Parliament's budgetary powers;
 - the definitive introduction of the system of own resources;
 - the respect of certain fundamental principles in the budgetary sphere;
 - the need for inter-institutional cooperation;
2. Notes the intention of the budgetary authority to undertake, in the first quarter of 1976 and with the assistance of the Commission, a joint examination of various questions relating to the budgetary procedure, with particular reference to:
 - the use of supplementary budgets;
 - the extension of the concept of commitment appropriations;
 - the review of the budgetary nomenclature;
 - the practical arrangements for the budgetization of loans;

II. Inter-institutional cooperation

3. Notes the substantial progress made this year in the conduct of the inter-institutional budgetary dialogue and finds that two fundamental principles have thus been confirmed:
 - Parliament's sovereignty in respect of its margin of manœuvre;
 - the need for the two institutions constituting the budgetary authority to make a joint examination of the budgetary options;
4. Considers that this cooperation should in future include a detailed study of each of the principal amendments and proposed modifications adopted by Parliament on the first reading;
5. Considers that a procedure for cooperation evolved in this way must enable a process of joint decision-making in the budgetary sector to be introduced in the near future;

III. The Council's position

A. Overall volume of expenditure

6. Notes that the Council without formally proposing a new rate of increase of non-compulsory expenditure has signified its agreement to an overall increase of 90·7 million units of account in such expenditure over the figure shown in the draft budget;
7. Considers that the Council's deliberations were overshadowed by the prior fixing of this ceiling and that its budgetary examination of each of Parliament's amendments was accordingly devalued;

B. Proposed modifications

8. Deplores that the Council has this year again failed to adopt any of the proposed modifications submitted by Parliament and has in particular again refused any increase in the appropriations relating to food aid;

C. Amendments

9. Notes that of the total of 41 amendments adopted by Parliament, the Council has:

- accepted four without modification;
- modified six;
- rejected 31;

10. Points out that the main increases in appropriations which were not rejected by the Council related to the research sector (35 million units of account), the social fund (35 million units of account) and aid to the non-associated developing countries (20 million units of account);

IV. The Parliament's decisions

A. Amendments

11. Decides, as indicated in the attached table, to definitively adopt amendments to a total amount of + 102 900 301 units of account which will then be added to the appropriations entered in the draft budget;

B. New rate of increase of non-compulsory expenditure

12. Signifies its agreement to a new rate of increase of non-compulsory expenditure corresponding to the overall increase of this expenditure by comparison with expenditure of the same kind in the previous financial year.

RESOLUTION

on the fixing of the ECSC levies and on the drawing up of the operational budget
for 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the *aide-mémoire* from the Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 400/75),
- following the joint meeting of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 437/75),

1. Once again points to the special nature of the European Coal and Steel Community which has since its establishment been able to draw on its own resources, and to the exemplary cooperation which has existed in this respect for many years between the Commission and Parliament;

2. Particularly welcomes the fact that the Commission has followed Parliament's request and provided a background chapter on economic policy and finance which makes it easier to assess the Commission's forecasts;

3. Calls upon the Commission to supplement its *aide-mémoire* in future with the following information of considerable importance for the deliberations of the European Parliament:

- an up-to-date account of the assets and loan activities of the European Coal and Steel Community for the current financial year;
- clear formulation of the general line of Commission policy in the two areas;
- an up-to-date account of production and of the levy yield for the current financial year;

4. Insists that in future information about the current financial year and forecasts of expenditure for the following financial year should be as clear as possible, in accordance with the principle of budgetary clarity, to comply with the fundamental requirements which have to be set by Parliament in view of its powers of budgetary control;

5. Considers it more advisable to use any surplus from the levy yield in the coming year if possible for further expenditure in the social field;

6. Recommends the Commission to amend Decision 72/2691/EEC of 18 December 1972 to the effect that increases in average values should not have to be fully implemented;

7. Is of the opinion that the envisaged increase in average values could, in the present economic conditions, lead to serious liquidity problems and therefore calls on the Commission to amend the mode of payment provisionally to take account of the difficult financial position of undertakings;

8. Agrees with the Commission's proposal for the allocation of resources for the various activities in 1976 and particularly supports the Commission's intention of increasing its efforts in the field of research;

9. Consequently approves the Commission's proposal for the budget of the European Coal and Steel Community for 1976 and, in the light of the above suggestions, calls upon the Commission to maintain the levy rate at 0·29 %.

RESOLUTION

on the retention of Santiago de Chile as the seat of the delegation of the Commission of the European Communities to Latin America

The European Parliament,

- deeply concerned at the political situation in Chile, in that after more than two years of military dictatorship there is still no indication of a return to normal conditions in that country,

1. Confirms its condemnation of the suppression by force of democratic freedom;

2. Notes with displeasure the continued violation of human and civil rights;
3. Reaffirms its solidarity with the Chilean people and calls for respect by the Chilean authorities for these human and civil rights, and the restoration of normal democratic conditions;
4. Strongly urges the release of all political prisoners, many of whom are being held in inhuman conditions;
5. Urges the Commission of the European Communities to reconsider the position of the Community Information Office for relations with Latin America, if no fundamental change in the situation in Chile, i.e. a return to democracy and the respect of human rights is ascertained within a foreseeable period;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel signed
on 11 May 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the signing of an Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the fact that the Agreement came into force on 1 July 1975,
- having regard to its resolution of 14 May 1975 on this Agreement ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinions of the Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Agriculture and the Associations Committee (Doc. 422/75),

1. Notes with satisfaction the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel;
2. Expresses the opinion that through the 'growth clause' in the Agreement ⁽³⁾ a real expansion of relations between the Community and the State of Israel must be rapidly attained;
3. Requests the Council in this connection to take an early decision on the Commission's recommendation to conclude in due course an Additional Protocol with Israel on economic and financial cooperation between the two parties;
4. Points again to the fact that this Agreement indicates the Community's firm resolve to establish closer links with the Mediterranean countries;
5. Hopes therefore that the Association Agreements between the European Economic Community and Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia will be signed at an early date and that the Council will shortly give the Commission a mandate to open negotiations with Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria with a view to concluding (new) preferential trade agreements comparable to this Agreement;
6. Is gratified to note that this Agreement contains a provision whereby the parties agree not to discriminate between the contracting States, their nationals or their companies or firms ⁽⁴⁾ and trusts that an identical provision will be included in all future agreements concluded by the Community;
7. Recalls that it is desirable to take the necessary initiatives to establish suitable and regular contacts between its members and those of the Israeli Parliament ⁽⁵⁾;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 136, 28. 5. 1975.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 128, 9. 6. 1975, p. 19.

⁽³⁾ Article 26 of this Agreement.

⁽⁴⁾ Article 24 of this Agreement.

⁽⁵⁾ See paragraph 4 of the resolution of 14 May 1975.

RESOLUTION
on recent developments in the Community's Mediterranean policy

The European Parliament,

- recalling its resolutions of 9 February 1971 (¹) on the Community's commercial policy in the Mediterranean basin and 15 March 1973 (²) on the consequences of the enlargement of the European Community for its relations with the Mediterranean countries,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Associations Committee (Doc. 385/75),
1. Recognizes the efforts made since 1972 by the Commission and the Council to provide the Community with an effective overall policy as regards third countries bordering the Mediterranean;
 2. Notes that progress in this field has suffered a number of setbacks, both internal and external to the Community, which have considerably interfered with the schedule set out by the Commission in its communication on the overall approach;
 3. Nevertheless welcomes the entry into force on 1 July 1975 of the Agreement signed between the Community and the State of Israel as a first concrete step towards achievement of this overall policy;
 4. Invites the competent Community authorities to pursue and bring to a successful conclusion the negotiations opened two years ago with the Maghreb countries and Malta for the signing of a preferential agreement, and to begin at an early date those planned with Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan;
 5. Considers that the Mediterranean policy should aim at establishing very close relations between the Community and the other Mediterranean countries, based on the principles of mutual interest and the complementarity of economic and human resources, so that through the development of these balanced relations, some contribution may be made to maintaining a lasting peace in this area;
 6. Stresses that attempts to achieve these objectives must be reconciled with the legitimate interests — particularly in the agricultural sector — of the people of the Mediterranean regions of the Community, who are the first to suffer from the adverse effects of tariff concessions granted to third countries;
 7. Feels, therefore, that it is important that the Community should have at its disposal the resources to enable it to take special measures, whenever the need arises, in favour of these regions;
 8. Supports the Commission's proposals for a policy on long-term export contracts and requests the Council to instruct the Commission to take action in this matter;
 9. Also emphasizes the need to safeguard the advantages granted to associated countries which are potential members of the Community, but are not directly concerned by the implementation of the overall Mediterranean policy;
 10. Trusts that this cooperation will cover, in addition to the economic sector, matters of common interest such as scientific research, protection of the environment and the safeguard of cultural heritages;
 11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(¹) OJ No C 19, 1. 3. 1971, p. 15.

(²) OJ No C 19, 12. 4. 1973, p. 34.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for the elimination of technical trade barriers, with particular reference to the proposals for Directives on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on:

- taximeters,
- lifting and mechanical handling appliances and electrically operated lifts,
- fruit jams, jellies and marmalades, and chestnut purée

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty,
- having regard to its resolution of 12 December 1974 (⁽²⁾) on the elimination of technical trade barriers,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 343/75 and Annex),

1. Stresses that, if further delays in the elimination of technical trade barriers are to be avoided, a more streamlined procedure is required which at the same time ensures effective intervention and control by the Community institutions;

2. Refers in principle to its earlier proposals (⁽²⁾), in particular those concerning procedure, requiring the Commission to submit systematically outline Directives in accordance with Article 100 of the EEC Treaty for the individual sectors defined in action programmes and, pursuant to Article 155 of the EEC Treaty, to lay down on its own responsibility provisions for their implementation;

3. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposals, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;

(¹) OJ No C 168, 25. 7. 1975, p. 8, COM(75) 336 fin.; OJ No C 202, 4. 9. 1975, p. 2.

(²) OJ No C 5, 8. 1. 1975.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on Community transit

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 321/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 426/75),

1. Considers that the Commission's proposal represents a simplification of procedures for both consumers and Community authorities;

2. Therefore approves the Commission's proposal;

3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(¹) OJ No C 244, 24. 10. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) 542/69 on Community transit

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 237/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 323/75),
1. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission is making effective progress with its simplification programme for customs procedures and duties and institutional methods of examining customs matters;
 2. Regards the Commission's proposal as a further effective contribution to the achievement of the internal Community market;
 3. Points out that a fundamental simplification will be achieved in respect of the carriage of goods by rail, road and air within the Community by abolishing costly administrative formalities;
 4. Emphasizes that, compared with the previous arrangements, the guarantee system has been made more flexible in that it has been made dependent on the sufficiency of the principal and the list of goods requiring a guarantee has been shortened;
 5. Regrets that the fixing of criteria for exemption from furnishing a guarantee has been left to the separate national administrations and fears that this may lead to distortions of competition to the disadvantage of small- and medium-sized undertakings;
 6. Believes that the list of goods still subject to the guarantee requirement should include as small a number of products as possible and be based on objective Community criteria;
 7. Takes this opportunity to ask for proposals to be drawn up on the extension of mutual assistance by the Member States on the collection of customs duties;
 8. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty and, subject to this reservation, approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 204, 6. 9. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a pluriannual programme of the Community for the years 1976 to 1980 in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion and plasma physics

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 222/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and to the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 402/75),
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on energy and research policy,
1. Reiterates the need to take all measures offering reasonable prospects of making the Community's energy supplies more secure;
 2. Regards controlled nuclear fusion as one of the solutions to the energy problem, if the extensive research in this area proves successful;
 3. Finds that in this specific field of research, the European Community has achieved noteworthy success, giving it a pilot function in the world, and that the Community must therefore speak with a single voice in this sector of research;
 4. Advocates the intensification of Community research in the field of controlled nuclear fusion and plasma physics, which must not, however, result in funds being taken away from research in the field of reactor safety and further development of the peaceful application of nuclear fission;
 5. Recommends that the site for the new fusion device and the corresponding central research station be an existing large research centre in this specific field, that has an attractive location for qualified researchers and a particularly favourable infrastructure;
 6. Is in favour of allowing access to this research programme to those third countries linked with the Community through economic agreements in which an extension to the technological sphere is provided for if they themselves so wish;
 7. Calls on the Council and the Commission, in the general interest, to be generous in extending opportunities of accession where such third countries are willing and able to make an effective research contribution;
 8. Welcomes the fact that the programme is to be reviewed during its lifetime to improve and prolong it, and hopes that it will be consulted on Commission proposals here;
 9. Deplores the fact that the Council has failed to include appropriations for the start-up of the programme in its draft budget for 1976, so that resources are available for the necessary staff, but not for their activities, thus creating a danger that this apparently unquestioned programme might not be implemented in time;
 10. Approves the Commission's proposal and calls on the Council to implement it at the earliest possible date and to earmark the necessary funds immediately, so that this programme can follow on the previous one without interruption.

(¹) OJ No C 201, 3. 9. 1975, p. 4.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive amending Directive 66/403/EEC and Directive 70/458/EEC on the marketing of seed potatoes and vegetable seed

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 384/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 433/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 267, 21. 11. 1975, p. 14.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concerning the application of Article 40(4) of the EEC Treaty to the French overseas departments

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 and 227 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 389/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and to the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 434/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 279, 6. 12. 1975, p. 4.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for Regulations:

- I. amending Regulation No 120/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in cereals
- II. amending Regulation No 359/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in rice

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 192/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 303/75),
1. Cannot approve the Commission's proposals;
 2. Requests the Commission to draw up a report, before submitting its proposals for prices applicable in the 1976/77 marketing year, on:
 - (a) the maintenance of production refunds in the cereal sector and for all products in the starch sector,
 - (b) their impact on the competitive position of processing industries making use of these subsidized products.

(¹) OJ No C 159, 16. 7. 1975, p. 9.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation amending Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine and with respect to sub-headings of the Common Customs Tariff
- II. a Regulation extending until 30 June 1976 Regulation (EEC) No 3576/73 on imports of wine products exported under the label of 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus, and the introduction of subsidies for similar wine products produced in the Community as originally constituted and exported to Ireland and the United Kingdom

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 582 fin. and COM(75) 651 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 416/75 and Doc. 447/75),
- having regard to the report of the Associations Committee (Doc. 455/75),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried figs falling within subheading ex 08.03 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)
- II. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried grapes falling within subheading ex 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 171/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and to the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 264/75),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

(¹) OJ No C 148, 3. 7. 1975, p. 5.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Council Regulation suspending application of the condition governing the import into the Community of fresh lemons originating in Cyprus, Spain, Israel, Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey in accordance with the Agreements in force between the European Community on the one hand and each of these countries on the other

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 318/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and to the Opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Associations Committee (Doc. 395/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 240, 21. 10. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1463/70 of 20 July 1970 on the introduction of recording equipment in road transport

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 386/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport and to the Opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 440/75),
1. Notes that the Commission does not propose any major amendments to Regulation (EEC) No 1463/70 (⁽²⁾), now in force, limiting itself to minor adjustments to the text with a view to simplifying the application of the provisions and to take account of a number of technical difficulties which have been encountered in practice;
 2. Notes with satisfaction that under Article 4 (5) the Commission is empowered to take a binding decision after one month in the case of disputes between Member States over whether or not recording equipment conforms to the Community standards;
 3. Welcomes the fact that Article 7 of the proposal provides for the setting up of a committee for the adaptation of the Regulation to technical progress;
 4. Again refers to the importance of effective controls to ensure that the social legislation relating to road transport is observed;
 5. Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 267, 21. 11. 1975, p. 3.

(²) OJ No L 164, 27. 7. 1970, p. 1.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 as regards the fat content of whole milk

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 413/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 456/75),
- Approves the Commission's proposal to put back until 31 March 1976 the date for the introduction of a uniform fat content of whole milk.

(¹) OJ No C 282, 10. 12. 1975, p. 11.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on consolidated texts relating to the fishing sector

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 320/75),
 - having regard to the proposals for the codification of legislative texts relating to the common agricultural policy contained in the Commission's memorandum on the improvement of the common agricultural policy (Doc. 251/73),
 - having regard to the resolution of the European Parliament on that memorandum (²),
 - having regard to the Council resolution (Ministers of Justice) of 26 November 1974 (³),
 - having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 435/75),
1. Approves the proposals from the Commission of which the purpose is the consolidation of the existing basic and amending Regulations in the fishing sector;
 2. Notes that no alterations of substance, other than those consequential upon the consolidation, have been made to the existing Regulations;
 3. Stresses that approval of these proposals for consolidation of these texts does not imply approval of their content, which has not been considered and which it is not Parliament's task to consider on this occasion;
 4. Approves the basis on which these proposals have been submitted as it requires the consultation of Parliament, and for the same reason requests the Commission to proceed on the same basis in the future;
 5. Requests the Commission to formulate proposals for consolidation in other sectors of the common agricultural policy and in other fields of Community legislation.

(¹) OJ No C 274, 1. 12. 1975, p. 1.

(²) OJ No C 23, 8. 3. 1974, p. 41.

(³) OJ No C 20, 28. 1. 1975, p. 1.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Decision concluding the Agreement for the implementation of a European project on nuisances on the subject 'Research on the physico-chemical behaviour of sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere' (Project 61a)
- II. a Decision concluding the Agreement for the implementation of a European project on nuisances on the subject 'Analysis of organic micro-pollutants in water' (Project 64b)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 389 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 220/75),
 - having regard to the report from the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and to the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 408/75),
1. Favours participation by the Community in both 'cost' Agreements, since the area of research covered by them is of great importance for environmental protection;
 2. Again calls on the Commission to provide Parliament with a survey of all current and projected research activity relating to environmental protection.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No 2107/75 extending the arrangements applicable to trade with Tunisia
- II. a Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No 2108/75 extending the arrangements applicable to trade with Morocco

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 543 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 398/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 423/75),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Council Regulation extending the term of validity of Council Regulation (EEC) No 346/75 concerning the importation into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Tunisia
- II. a Council Regulation extending the term of validity of Council Regulation (EEC) No 347/75 concerning the importation into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Morocco

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 379/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and to the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 396/75),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

(¹) OJ No C 267, 21. 11. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action concerning deferred payment of duties at importation or at exportation

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council in accordance with Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 229/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and to the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 393/75),
1. Considers it essential for the proposal for a Directive under consideration to be applied without delay, as it will contribute towards achieving the customs union;
 2. Approves this proposal for a Directive in its entirety.

(¹) OJ No C 198, 29. 8. 1975, p. 6.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on Community policy for data-processing

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the resolution of the Council of 15 July 1974 on a Community policy on data-processing (¹),
- having regard to the communication of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (75) 467 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 294/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 462/75),

1. Approves the Commission's proposals for priority actions;

2. Notes with satisfaction that, compared with the first, this second set of proposals is more substantial in content and reflects a more systematic overall approach and also that it contains the beginnings of a medium term programme which should be implemented as from January 1977;

3. Regrets that in the matter of contracts, little progress has so far been made in opening up the public sector, which is essential if the objective of a viable and competitive European-based data-processing industry is to be achieved, and greatly hopes that the Commission will speed up its work in this field;

4. Recalls that, as regards project management and implementation, the European Parliament has already expressed the view that, because of the weakness of the European data-processing industry, cooperation agreements should be concluded with non-dominant companies outside Europe;

5. Greatly regrets the slowness of the decision-making process and urges the Council to adopt these proposals as soon as possible, together with the first proposals for priority actions;

6. Notes that the Commission entered appropriations in the preliminary draft budget for 1976 for these actions which the Council, however, failed to include in its draft for 1976, thus making a supplementary budget necessary if the Commission's proposal is approved;

Again recalls its views on budget honesty and clarity and on supplementary budgets, and therefore calls on the Commission and the Council to frame their proposals on political objectives in such a way as to permit compliance with the budgetary policy objectives laid down by Parliament;

7. Finally, points out that the objective of a viable and competitive European-based data-processing industry towards 1980 cannot be achieved without extensive resources and firm political intentions.

(¹) OJ No C 86, 20. 7. 1974, p. 1.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation regarding a Community procedure for information and consultation on the prices of crude oil and petroleum products in the Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 226/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 419/75),
1. Notes the Council's Resolution ⁽²⁾ that the consumer price policy in the hydrocarbons sector should be based on competition and cost and price transparency;
 2. Welcomes the Commission's intention to seek a greater degree of transparency in the markets for crude oil and oil products;
 3. Points out that the means used to achieve greater cost and price transparency and the data supplied to the Commission must prove effective in practice;
 4. Stresses the need for both the Commission and the governments of the Member States to accept the principle of collective responsibility in the hydrocarbons sector and not only in the event of a crisis;
 5. Believes that any measure aimed at achieving greater cost and price transparency in the hydrocarbons sector must be based on cooperation between the Commission, the Member States and the oil companies;
 6. Recognizes the need for ongoing information of short periodicity and flexibility of data presentation;
 7. Stresses the importance of maintaining commercial confidentiality;
 8. Approves the proposal from the Commission but invites it to adopt the following amendment pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
 9. Requests the Commission to submit annual reports to the Council and the European Parliament on the results achieved by this proposal during the first three years after its entering into force.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 231, 10. 10. 1975, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ Council Press Release No 175/75 (Presse 21), p. 17.

RESOLUTION
on the number and composition of the European Parliament's committees

The European Parliament,

— having regard to Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure,

has decided to set up, as of the 1976/77 session

I.

the following committees:

1. the Political Affairs Committee;
2. the Legal Affairs Committee;
3. the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs;
4. the Committee on Budgets;
5. the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education;
6. the Committee on Agriculture;
7. the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport;
8. the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection;
9. the Committee on Energy and Research;
10. the Committee on External Economic Relations;
11. the Committee on Development and Cooperation;
12. the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions.

Committees 1 to 11 will be composed of 35 members; committee No 12 will be composed of 18 members.

II.

the following delegations:

1. to the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC—Greece Associations;
2. to the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC—Turkey Association.

These delegations will be composed of 18 members.

RESOLUTION

on the conditions for a Community policy on the siting of nuclear power stations taking account of their acceptability for the population

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the opinion of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 392/75),
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on the need for a common energy policy and in particular on
 - the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a new energy policy strategy for the European Community ⁽¹⁾,
 - the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a resolution on the objectives of a common energy policy ⁽²⁾,
1. Emphasizes that the problems raised by the increased cost and depletion of certain energy sources can only be solved by advances in technology, in particular by
 - the gradual replacement of present methods, based on the existence of hitherto abundant supplies of cheap energy, by measures and methods whose principal objective is the rational use and saving of energy
 - the further development of non-conventional methods of producing energy, in particular nuclear power;
 2. Refers in this connection to its previous opinions pointing out that the further development of nuclear energy is absolutely essential to meet the Community's energy requirements and that its energy-dependence could thereby be reduced at the same time;
 3. Considers that the availability of sufficient, secure and cheap energy in the long term — as offered by nuclear energy on the basis of present-day knowledge — is of fundamental importance for people, their lives and their development;
 4. Points out, moreover, that the expected complete exhaustion of conventional energy sources further heightens the need to switch to nuclear energy;
 5. Recognizes that nuclear energy, like every other energy, involves a certain risk to the environment, but that compared with other dangers to which man and his natural environment are exposed, this risk is so slight as to be acceptable;
 6. Points out that the level of energy consumption and thus the extent to which new nuclear power stations are built, is directly dependent on the economic growth rate aimed at by the Member States and the Community and notes that this rule has frequently not been observed by the individual states in drawing up plans for the development of nuclear energy;
 7. Feels, however, that although the need for nuclear energy is indisputable, a solid Community framework taking the form of the strict application of suitable regulations should be created to cover the further development of nuclear energy and that this framework should be supervised;
 8. Takes the view that in this connection a siting policy for nuclear power stations must be established at Community level as a matter of urgency before a Community map of potential sites is drawn up;
 9. Points out to the Commission and the Council of the European Communities that applications for the authorization of nuclear power stations must be harmonized at Community level;
 10. Is of the opinion that only by harmonization of authorization procedures and regulations can all the citizens of the Community be given the same guarantees and the same protection;
 11. Emphasizes that it is essential for the Community for the provisions of the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) on the transport of fissionable or radioactive materials to be reviewed and improved and for work on a Community programme on waste disposal to be intensified;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974, p. 79.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 76, 7. 4. 1975, p. 30.

12. Calls on the governments of the Member States and the Commission to do all they can to eliminate residual risks as far as possible by introducing new technologies, by adapting research programmes and in particular by strictly supervising and further developing safety regulations;

13. Is of the opinion that, in addition to the criteria applying at present in the selection of sites ⁽¹⁾, more account must be taken of the risks and constraints involved in the transport of radioactive materials;

14. Calls upon the Commission to carefully consider and if necessary, further explore the possibilities of establishing 'nuclear parks' and platforms at sea or underground nuclear power plants, whereby the supervision of the nuclear power stations could be reduced and, in the case of 'parks', the problems connected with the transport of radioactive materials minimized;

15. Is of the opinion that the external protection of existing nuclear installations calls for specific and reinforced supervision based on special regulations;

16. Takes the view that, under the Community siting policy, the public must be kept fully informed on the development of nuclear energy and must in all cases be given a clear understanding of the alternatives, which entail an impoverishment of the quality of life;

17. Also emphasizes that, as part of this Community policy, close collaboration with the local and regional authorities concerned is essential in all the Member States;

18. Points out that the problems associated with the construction of a nuclear power plant extend beyond territorial frontiers and that it will therefore be the Community's task to introduce a procedure for making contact with the third countries bordering on the Community and affected by Community measures;

19. Is of the opinion that all parties concerned must be given optimum guarantees, but that the time taken by the procedure for authorizing the construction of nuclear power stations can and must be reduced;

20. Calls upon the parliaments and governments of the Member States to draw up draft legislation, in so far as it does not already exist, that will enable citizens' associations and environmental organizations to use constitutional means in pressing their claims;

21. Calls upon the Commission to revise the Rasmussen report in the light of the research undertaken in certain countries and taking account of the geographical and demographic characteristics of Europe with particular reference to heavy water reactors, and to up-date it by including studies of the latest nuclear technology (fast breeders, high temperature reactors);

22. Notes that the various constraints governing site selection should lead above all to a review of the scope of certain current energy programmes;

23. Takes the view that a thorough investigation is necessary of the problems connected with the use of cooling towers (dry and wet processes), so that areas not having adequate water reserves may also be considered as sites for nuclear power stations;

24. Finally is of the opinion that without the introduction of a harmonized siting policy for nuclear power stations, the development of nuclear power, a Community energy policy and, indeed, adequate energy supplies, are seriously at risk;

25. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ See paragraphs 23 and 24 of the Explanatory Statement.

RESOLUTION

on the outcome of the meeting of the Council of Research Ministers of 15 December 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the indecision shown by the Council of Research Ministers on 15 December 1975,
 - recognizing the Commission's efforts in support of the continuation of Community research in its various fields,
 - referring to its various previous resolutions on research policy,
 - pointing out that its Committee on Budgets has persuaded the Council to authorize the funds required for the continuation of indirect Community research,
1. Is concerned at the Council's failure, in respect of the pluriannual research programme of the Community in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion and plasma physics, to reach the unanimity required for a specific decision, despite widespread agreement on the need for this research;
 2. Draws attention also to the importance of the programmes relating to the environment, radiation protection, application of nuclear techniques to agricultural research, and reference materials and methods, which were not dealt with by the Council and should be passed immediately;
 3. Warns that any delay could jeopardize, if not wipe out, the lead achieved by the Community in the field of nuclear fusion and plasma physics;
 4. Appeals urgently to the Council to take positive decisions in the light of the opinions delivered by Parliament as soon as possible, namely at its next meeting, which should take place at the earliest opportunity;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive amending the Council Directive of 24 July 1973 on coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions concerning the taking-up and pursuit of activities in direct insurance other than life assurance

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 57 (2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 293/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 394/75),
1. Notes that the adoption of a unit of account based on the parity of gold results in considerable distortion of competition if it is used to determine the guarantee fund to be established and the contribution income level above which certain mutual insurance associations fall within the scope of application of the Directive of 24 July 1973;
 2. Therefore endorses the Commission's proposal, which permits the use of the European unit of account pursuant to the Council Decision of 21 April 1975.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 243, 25. 10. 1975, p. 10.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on waste from the titanium dioxide industry

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75 339 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 213/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 457/75),

1. Welcomes this proposal for a Directive as a further step forward in the fight against environmental pollution by certain sectors of industry;
2. Deplores once again the delays in meeting the timetable laid down in the programme of action on the environment and urges the relevant services of the Commission to do everything in their power to make up for these delays as quickly as possible;
3. Congratulates the Commission on the very sound technical report accompanying the proposal;
4. Regrets that in this proposal for a Directive the Commission has not taken account of the request expressed earlier by the European Parliament for detailed quality objectives for the environment to be laid down on a regional basis in order to make it possible to combat pollution more effectively;
5. Draws attention to the importance it attaches to observance of the 'polluter pays' principle but would like account to be taken, in the application of that principle, of the economic and social difficulties that might arise;
6. Points out that, as regards any aid that might be provided, it advocates the granting of loans instead of subsidies;
7. Asks the Commission to investigate the possibility of reducing the transitional period from 10 to eight years since the overall level of marine pollution calls for speedy action by the Member States;
8. Urges the Commission to reformulate the authorization procedure so that it takes the final decision itself on the coordination and supervision of the discharge of waste and ensures that the characteristics of the various water-courses, lakes and seas into which waste is discharged are homogeneous in all the Member States;
9. Urges the Commission to coordinate the information necessary to ensure that the quality objectives laid down for the environment are observed, and that they are reviewed in the light of technological progress;
10. Points out the importance for the protection of the environment of promoting the treatment, recycling and recovery of wastes, and urges the Commission to promote and coordinate research in this field;
11. Asks the Commission to make the following amendments to its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty;
12. Asks the committee responsible to check carefully whether the Commission of the European Communities adopts the European Parliament's amendments to its proposal and, if necessary, to report on this matter.

RESOLUTION
on the Third Report on the activities of the new European Social Fund in 1974

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Third Report on the activities of the new European Social Fund in 1974 (COM(75) 355/final),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 446/75),
1. Refers to the observations made regarding the Fund's basic set-up and procedures in connection with the First ⁽¹⁾ and Second ⁽²⁾ Report on the activities of the new European Social Fund;
 2. Regrets that these observations have not yet been sufficiently acted upon in the allocation and control of funds within the management of the Social Fund;
 3. Welcomes the fact that the Commission draws clear-cut conclusions in the Third Report for the future from its policy hitherto, but sees no possibility of a real improvement in the methods adopted in view of the inadequate appropriations provided even in the new budget;
 4. Welcomes the Council Decision of 27 June 1975 to open the Social Fund under Article 4 to two new categories — migrant workers and handicapped persons ⁽³⁾, and also the Council Decision of 22 July 1975 in favour of young people ⁽⁴⁾;
 5. Also notes with satisfaction that the Council recently approved the Commission's proposals for the amendment of the financial Regulation as regards the European Social Fund ⁽⁵⁾ and that concerning the intervention of the European Social Fund in favour of the textile and clothing sectors ⁽⁶⁾;
 6. Deplores, however, the fact that the Council has rejected the proposal for a Decision on European Social Fund measures to aid vocational adaptation operations ⁽⁷⁾, to which the European Parliament attached great value;
 7. Also declares it unreasonable that the Council should have cut the Social Fund's appropriations in the preliminary draft budget for 1976, while talking at the same time of the possibility of the Community's making a constructive contribution to a general employment policy;
 8. Points out in this connection that the transfer of project from Article 4 to Article 5, with a view to increased flexibility and reduced dependence on the Council's constantly held-up approval, has obviously not yet been made, although suggested in several European Parliament opinions ⁽⁸⁾;
 9. Requests the Commission to tackle the much-heralded new reform of the Social Fund as soon as possible;
 10. Notes that the anomalies in the Social Fund's procedure for granting funds ⁽⁹⁾ which were clearly set forth in the First Report of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment on the activities of the new European Social Fund ⁽¹⁰⁾ have still not been disposed of;

(1) Doc. 18/74.

(2) Doc. 380/74.

(3) OJ No L 185/74, pp. 20 and 22.

(4) OJ No L 199/75, p. 36.

(5) Doc. 155/75.

(6) Doc. 332/75.

(7) Doc. 331/75.

(8) Doc. 74/75, p. 7.

(9) COM(75) 355 fin., pp. 48 and 49.

(10) Doc. 18/74, pp. 10 and 11.

11. Is convinced that this problem can be solved only through a radical reorganization of the Fund's operating methods and of its system for submitting applications, replacing the current practice of financing projects of a predominantly national character by a genuine Community outlook;

12. Regrets that the European Social Fund in its present form and with the funds available offers too little opportunity for an effective contribution to be made to reducing unemployment, and therefore insists that, in view of the unfavourable trend in the social situation, the existing possibilities must be used not only to combat structural unemployment, but also within the framework of the general recession;

13. Invites the Commission to make further efforts in the difficult task of establishing criteria for allocating funds and checking how efficiently they are used, and requests it to ensure that funds are not allocated in an unbalanced manner owing to the varying degrees of efficiency of national administration;

14. Feels that both the Commission and the national governments concerned must in future put the European Social Fund appropriations to better use and insists in particular that appropriations that have been approved for a given financial year must be used in that year, with allowance made for exceptional cases;

15. Suggests that the Commission, in administering the Social Fund and further improving it, should really exhaust all possibilities and take account of the experience of other organizations which are faced with similar problems;

16. Endorses in principle and subject to the above considerations, the Commission's activity in regard to the European Social Fund in 1974 and the general guidelines set out by the Commission in the final chapter, and hopes that this resolution will be considered a constructive contribution;

17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of the committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive relating to the quality of water for human consumption

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 225/75),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 418/75),
- concerned by the possible danger to public health represented by an excess or shortage of certain substances in water for human consumption,
- having regard to the fact that the present directive aims to remove differences in national legislations relating to water for human consumption,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 214, 18. 9. 1975, p. 2.

1. Sees in this proposal for a Directive a useful and necessary instrument for greater and more effective protection of public health;
2. Notes with satisfaction that the present proposal pursues one of the objectives described in the Programme of Action on the Environment, namely the fixing of standards for the quality of water for human consumption;
3. Urges the Commission to ensure that analyses, particularly microbiological analyses, of the water referred to in the proposal are carried out frequently enough to provide sufficient protection for the health of the population and that special attention is given to the need for a continuous check on the presence of bacteria and certain dangerous substances;
4. Requests the Commission to look into the need to fix Exceptional Minimum Required Concentrations for certain parameters, by analogy with the Exceptional Maximum Admissible Concentrations, although this applies only to natural water and not to artificially softened water;
5. Hopes that the fixing of Exceptional Maximum Admissible Concentrations will moreover be subject to overall limits and bear relation to the particular conditions of the locality;
6. Urges the Commission to ensure that the parameters and the values attached to them are reviewed and adapted to new research results regularly, at least every five years, in order to guarantee optimum health protection;
7. Requests the Commission to complete as soon as possible its study of analytical methods for a number of parameters referred to in Annex III to the proposal and to notify Member States of the results at the same time as they are notified of this Directive;
8. Urges the Council to do everything possible to make notification of this Directive possible before 1 July 1976 and to ensure that Member States amend their legislation in this field within two years of such notification;
9. Requests the Commission to include the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;
10. Urges the committee responsible carefully to ascertain whether the Commission of the European Communities amends its proposal in accordance with the amendments of the European Parliament, and if necessary to report to Parliament on this matter.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a Directive on biological standards for lead and on screening of the population for lead
- II. a Directive on air quality standards for lead.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 93/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 399/75),

As regards both proposals for Directives

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposals, since lead and its compounds are pollutants whose treatment should be given high priority in view of the hazard they represent to human health;
2. Is aware, however, that research results in this important field are not yet complete, but is nevertheless of the same opinion as the Commission, whose aim in these proposals is to take a number of initial measures, which will be followed up later with further action;
3. Regrets that the proposals were not submitted until 16 April 1975, considering that in the programme of action of the European Communities on the environment the Commission fixed 31 December 1974 as the deadline for submission of suitable proposals on the subject;
4. Endorses the Commission's desire to promote preventive action and requests the Commission to continue its investigations and to provide the European Parliament with more complete findings regarding the various occurrences of environmental lead;

5. Hopes that the Commission will gradually be able to define the areas where the lead hazard is greatest;

6. Considers it essential that exact time limits be set for the procedure for bringing standards into line with scientific and technological developments seeing that this subject is extremely important from the point of view of human health;

7. Requests the Commission that the special committee charged with the important task of bringing standards into line with scientific and technological progress should immediately come into operation when the two proposals for Directives are eventually adopted.

As regards the first proposal for a Directive

8. Agrees with the general lines followed by the Commission on investigating blood lead level as a means to reaching general conclusions;

9. Feels that knowledge of the relationship between blood lead level and the hazard to human health is in general inadequate;

10. Therefore feels that a maximum permissible blood lead level of 35 micrograms per 100 ml could prove to be over-cautious but that continued in-depth research will make it possible to fix a more accurate limit in the future;

11. Urgently requests the Commission, therefore, to up-date existing standards systematically and thoroughly in the light of the latest developments in research;

12. Is of the opinion that samples should be taken under the supervision of the health authorities and under medical supervision;

13. Considers it absolutely essential for samples to be taken only from volunteers and for individual results to be kept strictly confidential;

14. Does not think that the principle of screening of the population for lead can be limited to blood analyses but should be combined with a questionnaire on the individual's identity, place of residence, profession and state of health;

15. Considers the difficulty of defining a representative population group that will voluntarily provide blood samples to be so great that the results will scarcely give a true picture of the actual blood lead level of the population;

16. Therefore, feels that the initial investigations should instead focus on the so-called risk groups known to be particularly exposed to the effects of lead;

17. Wishes in particular to stress that renewed efforts should be made to improve and, later, to harmonize blood lead level standards;

As regards the second proposal for a Directive

18. Feels it is important for the Commission to deal with the question of atmospheric lead in greater detail, in particular by investigating children, since it is possible to demonstrate a connection between the amount of lead inhaled and the lead level in the blood;

19. Considers that it would be useful if particular attention were given to investigating the relationship between the size of lead particles in the atmosphere and their degree of harmfulness to the lungs and to methods for measuring such particles;

20. Hopes that the Commission will be able to set standards for the measures to be taken to reduce atmospheric lead;

21. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of Member States' laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of paints, varnishes, adhesives and similar products

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 196/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 420/75),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal, subject to the amendments given below;
 2. Welcomes the fact that this Directive, like all others specifically concerned with health and the environment, has been drawn up by the Commission with a view to complete harmonization;
 3. Stresses the need for the classification criteria also to take account of the ways in which the product is normally used;
 4. Recommends that packages should bear a clear specification that cannot be erased by the preparation itself or by substances used in connection with it;
 5. Considers it essential for all packages to bear detailed instructions for use;
 6. Is of the opinion that first aid instructions should be printed on packages of toxic or harmful products;
 7. Requests the Commission to prescribe that the best storage methods or unsuitable methods that could endanger health should be specified on all packaging;
 8. Repeats its long-standing request that all information intended for the user should be printed in the language or languages of the importing country;
 9. Requests the Commission to constantly update the list of toxic or harmful substances contained in paints, varnishes, adhesives and similar products;
 10. Is of the opinion that an effort should be made to coordinate the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances and products at international level, and invites the Commission to contact international organizations with a view to achieving this objective;
 11. Invites the Commission, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty, to include the following amendments in its proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 166, 23. 7. 1975, p. 2.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport and the opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 397/75),
- recalling that it has already unanimously approved, subject to minor reservations, a proposal from the Commission in 1973 (¹) for the adoption in the Community of laminated glass windscreens for motor vehicles rather than tempered glass,
- noting the fact that the available evidence indicates that laminated glass is safer than tempered glass for motor vehicle windscreens and that the majority of the manufacturers concerned are either in favour of using laminated glass or do not oppose its introduction on technical or economic grounds,
- aware that the Council has until now taken no action to approve the Commission's proposal, with a consequent avoidable cost in terms of deaths and injuries,

1. Urges the Council to adopt, with such necessary modifications as the passage of time has made necessary, the Commission's proposal of November 1972 (²);
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(¹) OJ No C 37, 7. 5. 1973, p. 7.

(²) OJ No C 119, 16. 11. 1972, p. 21.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending the financial Regulation as regards the transfers between the 'Food Aid' chapter and the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, 'Guarantee' Section

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 329/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 445/75)
 - aware (a) that the existing Regulation for the financing of food aid (²) envisages that all appropriations for food aid should be covered under Chapter 92 'Food Aid' of the budget, except for expenditure for export refunds, under Title 6 of the EAGGF
(b) that, given that refund rates vary, budgetary transfers between Titles 6 and 9 of the Budget could be necessary
(c) that Parliament is at present consulted on such transfers under Article 21 (3) of the Financial Regulation,
1. Recognizes that the problem of transfers in the 1975 Budget between Title 6 and Chapter 92 has not been entirely resolved by the adoption of Draft Supplementary Budget No 3;
 2. Accepts that the present proposal only authorizes the Commission to effect transfers between Chapter 92 and Title 6 of the Budget, resulting from variations in the rate of export refunds, unforeseeable at the time of the adoption of the Budget;
 3. Therefore approves the present proposal, on the basis of the assurances given by the Commission in the context of the examination of recent proposed modifications to the financial Regulation and reiterated in the consideration of the present proposal, that a proposal for a general review of the financial Regulation by the Commission will be presented in the very near future, with a view to increasing the role of the European Parliament in the domain covered by the Regulation.

(¹) OJ No C 240, 21. 10. 1975, p. 4.

(²) Regulation (EEC) No 2681/74.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the transitional common organization of the market in sheepmeat

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 42 and 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 274/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 432/75),
- whereas the Commission in the memorandum on the improvement of the common agricultural policy has already denoted the establishment of a common organization of the market in sheepmeat in one of the forms laid down by Article 40 of the Treaty as an economic necessity in the enlarged Community,
- whereas the Commission's proposals contain only a transitional arrangement for a common organization of the market in sheepmeat,

1. Considers that a complete and definitive market organization would have been preferable, in view of the continued existence of national market organizations;
2. Notes that the present proposals, which are incomplete compared with other market organization arrangements, are to be considered inadequate from the point of view of producers and consumers of sheepmeat;
3. Considers that the proposals do not offer producers in certain areas any guarantee of a reasonable level of prices and incomes, in which connection it should be noted that sheep farming is concentrated mainly in upland areas and in the poorer regions of the Community;
4. Therefore asks the Commission to reconsider its proposals.

(¹) OJ No C 243, 23. 10. 1975, p. 6.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a Regulation amending Regulation No 121/67/EEC in respect of the calculation of the levy and the sluice-gate price for pig carcasses
- II. a Regulation amending Regulation No 122/67/EEC in respect of the calculation of the levy and the sluice-gate price for eggs
- III. a Regulation amending Regulation No 123/67/EEC in respect of the calculation of the levy and the sluice-gate price for poultrymeat,

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
- having been consulted by the Council in accordance with Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 401/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 475/75),

approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 269, 25. 11. 1975, p. 4.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 517/72 of 28 February 1972 on the introduction of common rules for regular and special regular services by coach and bus between Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 368/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport (Doc. 495/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 279, 6. 12. 1975, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

on the outcome of the Seventh Special Session of the UN General Assembly on development problems from 1 to 16 September 1975 in New York and on the 'mid-term review and appraisal of the international development strategy for the second UN development decade'

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council (COM(75) 225 fin.),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 507/75),
 - having regard to the report drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation on the Community's overall cooperation and development policy (Doc. 42/75),
1. Welcomes the fact that during the first half of the second development decade some progress has been achieved in various areas:
 - taking population growth into account, *per capita* income increased by around 3·5 %,
 - the developing countries' trade rose by 8 % annually,
 - savings increased in the developing countries,
 - industrial development improved and the overall growth target of 8 % per annum was achieved in a number of developing countries;
 2. Is, however, concerned at the fact that the developing countries' share of world production is still too small, and therefore calls for increased efforts to reduce the economic gap between the industrial and developing countries; in particular, advocates the devising of a coherent programme of practical and effective measures based on a consensus between the industrial and developing countries;
 3. Calls in particular for concrete measures in the following areas:
 - more intensive promotion of trade, in particular by avoiding any impairment of the sales prospects for the developing countries' few competitive products;

in cooperation with the developing countries, creation of a more favourable climate for private investment as the precondition for the success of an industrial cooperation programme, taking account of the fact that investments by private industry are generally effected in the most advanced developing countries, so that, to

- offset this, public aid to the poorest countries should be intensified, to create the precondition for the necessary infrastructure for economic development in those countries too,
- a greater share for the developing countries in world industrial production and expansion of processing industries in these countries, with the value thus added in raw materials processing accruing to the developing countries,
 - more effective incorporation of the transfer of technology in the overall concept of development policy, and where appropriate the development of technologies particularly adapted to the needs of the developing countries,
 - increased aid for agriculture and fisheries and special facilities for the procurement of fertilizers,
 - better conditions and solutions in respect of the developing countries' serious problem of indebtedness,
 - more attention to the interests of developing countries within the IMF;
4. Considers it desirable in the interim for food aid to be continued and extended;
5. Considers that development aid ought to lead to an improvement in social and living conditions in the developing countries;
6. Considers raw materials agreements to be an effective short-term means of exerting a positive effect on raw materials markets, because they benefit both the developing countries which export raw materials and those which are deficient in them, as well as the industrial countries;
7. Welcomes the concerted attitude and joint declaration by the Community at the Seventh Special Session, particularly its intention to actively promote the economic position of the developing countries even at the expense of slowing down the improvement in our living standard;
8. Views the improvement in the climate between the industrialized and developing countries as an important aspect of the Seventh Special Session and sees in the final declaration solid grounds for rational and practical cooperation on improving the world economic order;
9. Believes that it is imperative for the Member States of the EEC in future to intensify their efforts towards coordination and harmonization of development aid and to restrain their own interests for the benefit of the Community, and in this connection views the North-South conference in Paris and the forthcoming fourth UNCTAD conference in Nairobi as an important test for the Community;
10. Hopes that the industrialized and developing countries will develop forms of cooperation leading, through a closer identity of interests, to a practical and permanent balance of interests and enabling both sides to satisfy their fundamental needs;
11. Points in this connection to Europe's special position — as a densely populated, highly industrialized continent with few raw materials — and stresses the resulting necessity for Europe to cooperate fully with the developing countries;
12. Is convinced that cooperation between the developed and developing countries can be based only on a complete equality of rights and considers the Convention of Lomé — particularly the Stabex system for raw materials — to be an exemplary model in this connection;
13. Finally, draws emphatic attention to the extremely detrimental effect of the armaments race on development aid;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the fixing of prices for various agricultural products and accompanying measures for the 1976/77 marketing year

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 464/75),
- having regard to the motion for a resolution concerning agricultural surpluses (Doc. 317/75) tabled by Mrs Ewing,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 522/75),
- having regard to the fact that:
 - (a) a balanced price policy, combined with an active market policy and the Community structural policy should help to ensure:
 - that agricultural incomes are maintained at a fair level,
 - that supplies reach consumers at reasonable prices, and
 - that existing market imbalances are eliminated;
 - (b) the fixing of agricultural prices is based on the modern undertaking with comparable incomes, on the premise that the common structural policy provides the possibility for the development of a large number of agricultural undertakings in the Community, whereas direct aids are granted, where necessary, in order to ensure a supplementary safeguard for incomes;
 - (c) the lack of a common economic and monetary policy has made more difficult the re-establishment of common agricultural prices and thus the unity of the market;
 - (d) the lack of a determined, coordinated attack on inflation makes it much more difficult to eliminate distortions of the cost structure and the consequent national subsidies, which in their turn lead to distortion of competition;
 - (e) substantial disturbances of the market equilibrium partially of a structural nature exist in respect of certain products;
 - (f) the relatively moderate price rises for agricultural products during the past marketing year, at a time of considerable cost pressure, had a stabilising effect of inflation;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 31, 11. 2. 1976, p. 2.

1. Calls on the Commission, as a matter of extreme urgency, to review the economic and social basis of the common agricultural policy in such a way as to:
 - (a) prevent the creation of surpluses as a direct consequence of Community policy,
 - (b) narrow the gap between producer and consumer prices,
 - (c) take into account the continuing and even increasing differentials in farm incomes between regions of the Community;

A. Inclusion in the annual budget of the financial implications of decisions on agricultural prices

2. Stresses that the annual proposals on agricultural prices represent the most important act with financial implications in the financial year;
3. Takes the view that it is essential, if Parliament's budgetary powers are not to be circumvented or infringed, for estimates of new expenditure to be included in the annual budget and for the procedure for fixing agricultural prices during the year to be linked with that for the establishment and adoption of an amending budget;

B. Price proposals and accompanying measures

4. Considers that the way of fixing prices adopted by the Commission is basically right, but takes the view that more account must be taken of the actual price and income requirements in individual Member States and certain regions and for particular types of product if the new prices are not to lead either to substantial losses of income or to an increase in the disparities of income within agriculture itself, particularly between the livestock sector and the arable farming sector;
5. Proposes, therefore, an average price increase of 9·5%, calculated on the basis of a reference period covering the past two years;
6. Considers that such a price increase offers better compensation for higher costs in the various Member States and that its practical effects, particularly on consumer prices, are compatible with efforts to contain inflation;
7. Deplores the fact that the price proposals were accompanied by fundamental changes to certain basic regulations without it being possible to assess to what extent they would affect market prices;

I. Vegetable products

8. Welcomes the fact that a decisive step has been taken towards approximating the prices of feed grain;
9. Considers that a clear distinction ought to be drawn between the prices for wheat and rye suitable for bread-making and the price of feed grain; makes the introduction of this distinction dependent on the proven effectiveness of the methods for distinguishing between wheat for bread and wheat for animal feed; agrees with the abolition of regional intervention for common wheat, but asks the Commission to keep market price trends in the various parts of the Community under close review and to take action if this should be warranted by price developments; doubts, however, the wisdom of raising the target and intervention prices of maize by 9·5% while at the same time lowering the intervention price of feed wheat by 5·8% in most cases;
10. Considers basically justified the modified system of aid for durum wheat based on quality and yield, provided that producers of quality durum wheat suffer no loss of income through the reform of the subsidy system, so that a higher aid figure per hectare is desirable; and also considers that the payment of premiums should be subject to the necessary controls;

11. Considers that the Community rice production should be maintained at its 1973 level and requests, therefore, a 15% increase in the price of husked and paddy rice;

12. Considers it possible and desirable, in view of the present situation on the cereal market and on the potato and starch products market, to arrange for the gradual elimination of all production refunds for starch products, price trends permitting; the sums thus saved could be used for more direct methods of supporting agricultural incomes;

13. Refers to the negative opinions expressed by the European Parliament on the present support system for olive oil and stresses that the Commission should fulfil requests of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾ and the Council ⁽²⁾ to submit proposals to modify the market organization; in this connection supports measures to encourage sales; considers that the freezing of olive oil subsidies, which would under the present economic conditions mean a real drop in income for the many small olive oil producers, is socially unacceptable;

14. Agrees with the Commission that the fixing of prices for wine must necessarily remain linked with the adoption of the Commission's proposals on the revision of the market organization for wine, but insists that the agriculture alcohol market be kept under strict review;

15. Considers that the proposed prices for tobacco are based exclusively on the market situation and could only lead to considerable losses of income; suggests therefore that methods to encourage tobacco growers to produce more directly for the market should be considered;

16. Requests that aid to fibre flax be increased to 200 units of account per cultivated hectare in the six original States of the Community and to 150 units of account in the United Kingdom and Ireland, in view of the aid granted to linseed and the substantial increase in production costs;

17. Considers that the proposals for fruit and vegetables are adequate, even if the market organization still needs improving; once more ⁽³⁾ urges the adoption without further delay of the proposals before the Council on the reform of glasshouse production; doubts that the grubbing-up measures proposed can achieve adequate results; insists that the Commission use all means at its disposal to induce Member States to cooperate in implementing the grubbing-up action, and that, to this effect, it increase the payment to 1 400 units of account per grubbed-up hectare;

18. Calls for the harmonization of national fuel subsidies for glasshouse production since these subsidies are still causing distortions of competition between producers in the various Member States;

II. *Animal products*

19. Is aware that the formation of the substantial stock of skimmed-milk powder reveals the essentially structural nature of the milk problem; a new overall policy is therefore necessary to create the right conditions for a lasting equilibrium on the milk market; considers that this policy should be based on the following principles: adaptation of production capacity in the milk sector through measures to stop milk production and/or to switch over to products in short supply, enlargement of internal and external outlets, cautious price policy for milk products without, however, jeopardizing the viability of efficient milk producers, possibility of social measures to compensate small producers with only small incomes; establishment of a link between the production of skimmed-milk powder surpluses and the large-scale protein imports for animal feed;

⁽¹⁾ See reports by Mr Scott-Hopkins (Doc. 366/73, OJ No C 23, 8. 3. 1974) and by Mr De Koning (Doc. 437/74, OJ No C 32, 11. 2. 1975).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision of March 1974 — see PE 36.538.

⁽³⁾ See report by Mr De Koning (Doc. 437/74, OJ No C 32, 11. 2. 1975).

20. Considers the very slight price increases which have been proposed as involving a form of co-responsibility on the part of the milk producers, will have, in view of present costs, such a drastic effect that the economic survival of many milk producers could be jeopardized;
21. Supports, therefore, price increases more closely reflecting costs but offering no extra incentive to produce; asks the Commission to submit proposals for compensatory subsidies to small livestock farmers who cannot rely on an adequate rise in income;
22. Welcomes the proposal for a two-stage price increase for milk;
23. Opposes the proposal to abolish aid for the private storage of butter and cream as it would result in a greater quantity of butter going into intervention;
24. (a) Considers that in addition to a considerable rise in the allocations of skimmed-milk powder for food aid, a large part of the stocks should be transformed into mixed feed to provide a short-term solution to the surplus of skimmed-milk powder;
- (b) Considers that supervision measures should be taken, in the form, for example, of surety payments, to ensure that the transformation is actually effected, particularly by the users of unmixed feedingstuffs such as cattle cake;
- (c) Considers that the Community institutions must be on their guard to ensure that certain states which purchase milk powder from traditional trading sources do not abandon the market in order to take advantage of the Community food aid, and considers, furthermore, that aid should be channelled to the poorest countries in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Commission on development aid policy;
- (d) Does not consider, however, that such a large proportion of the financial burden arising from the sales of this surplus should be borne by pigmeat producers and poultry farmers as proposed by the Commission; requests the Commission, therefore, to fix the amount of aid for skimmed-milk powder in such a way that pigmeat producers and poultry farmers are not required to bear a substantial additional rise in production costs;
25. Rejects the amended intervention system for skimmed-milk powder which amounts to the elimination of guarantees to producers since the adjudicated purchase price of the powder can only go down, and insists on the retention of the present intervention system for skimmed-milk powder;
26. Considers that the measures to encourage the non-marketing of milk are inadequate, that they should apply to at least twice the present estimated amount of livestock and that in the long term they could achieve this objective only if greater incentives were offered and were combined with a reconversion premium or measures for the cessation of farming or a slaughter premium;
27. Believes that the system of beef premiums should be retained as a system for use in the case of exceptional price variations;
28. Considers that it is necessary to alter the organization of the market in beef and veal in the medium term in order to allow a more flexible reaction to the cyclic market situation;
29. Recalls that for reasons of trade policy the ban on imports of beef and veal may be retained only as long as it is absolutely necessary;
30. Deplores the lack of proposals for dealing with structural problems in the poultry-farming sector;

C. Structural policy

31. Requests the Commission to submit as soon as possible the report which it has undertaken to draw up on the implementation of the structural reform directives ⁽¹⁾;

⁽¹⁾ See Council Directives 72/159/EEC, 72/160/EEC and 72/161/EEC of 17 April 1972, (OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972).

32. Urges that the payments and subsidies provided for in the reform directives should be adapted to the loss of value of money during the past few years;

33. Requests the final adoption of the year-old proposal for a special aid measure for young farmers;

34. Approves the raising of the EAGGF contribution under the terms of the Directive on mountain and hill farming ⁽¹⁾, in accordance with Parliament's wishes ⁽²⁾, and believes that the maximum payments permissible should be raised from 50 to 60 units of account per livestock unit or per hectare to avoid farmers in some countries suffering a loss of income in 1976, since this is the only way to ensure that the measures provided for in that Directive will be effective in the poorer areas of the Community;

35. Considers that the Council should finally adopt a position on the various structural policy schemes relating, in particular, to producer groups;

36. Requests the Council to adopt the Directive on the promotion of forestry projects in order to increase Community wood supplies and preserve the environment by means of afforestation subsidies and aids to improve existing forest areas;

D. Monetary policy

37. Notes that as a result of currency measures and national subsidies, there is no longer a unified agricultural market or equal competition between producers in individual Member States;

38. Considers it essential for political and economic reasons to re-establish a unified market and to abolish those national support measures which do not conform to Community rules; consequently urges the Commission to draw up a list of such measures and to propose a timetable for their abolition; invites the Commission to present proposals to replace these measures with Community aids, giving the equivalent support to farmers now in receipt of such national aids;

39. Considers, therefore, that the trend towards the re-establishment of a unified market, which was observed last year, should be encouraged by an appropriate monetary policy, taking into account, however, its effect on the incomes of producers in the countries concerned;

40. Asks the Commission in due course to put forward proposals for further adaptation of the British and Irish green pounds to the true value of sterling;

41. Is aware, however, that a lasting and final solution can be found only in a common economic and monetary policy;

42. Notes that it agrees in principle with the main line of the Commission's proposal in so far as in this resolution no comments have been made on this subject:

43. Requests the Commission to incorporate the proposed amendments in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ See Council Directive 75/268/EEC of 28 April 1975 (OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975).

⁽²⁾ See report by Mr Cifarelli (Doc. 11/73, OJ No C 37, 4. 6. 1973) and report by Mr Della Briotta (Doc. 439/74, OJ No

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on additional measures in the agricultural sector following the revaluation of the German mark

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 42 and 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 477/75),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 519/75),
1. Deplores the Commission's delay in presenting its proposals on the compensatory measures taken by Germany following the revaluation of the German mark, which should have been presented before the end of 1974;
 2. Deplores furthermore the fact that the Commission has not included in its report any information on developments in the situation in German agriculture since 1969;
 3. Approves the abolition of the 3 % revaluation compensation paid to German producers through VAT;
 4. Therefore proposes that this gradual reduction in aid should be effected over a period of five years beginning on 1 January 1976 since this will permit farmers in the Federal Republic to adapt gradually to the new rules.

(¹) OJ No C 16, 23. 1. 1976, p. 3.

RESOLUTION

on the Tindemans' report

The European Parliament,

1. Welcomes the presentation of Mr Tindemans' report within the time limit laid down at the December 1974 Paris summit as the first step in the movement towards European union;
 2. Decides to open an exchange of views on this report at its March 1976 part-session;
 3. Undertakes to examine this report in its Political Affairs Committee and in plenary sitting;
 4. Requests the European Council to ensure that the European Parliament is involved in the implementation of the decisions taken.
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RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a draft Decision of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting in the Council, extending the validity of their Decision on 24 June 1975 opening tariff preferences for products within the province of that Community originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and overseas countries and territories associated with the Community
- II. a Council Regulation extending the validity of certain interim arrangements relating to trade with the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and overseas countries and territories associated with the European Economic Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission to the Council (Doc. COM(76) 24 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 516/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 517/75),

1. Approves the proposal for an extension, from 29 February 1976 to 31 July 1976, of the tariff preferences accorded by the European Coal and Steel Community;
2. Approves the proposal for a Regulation extending, for the same period, the validity of the EEC interim arrangements concerned;
3. Is pleased that these extensions will mitigate the harm done to the ACP States and overseas countries and territories by the delay in bringing the Convention of Lomé into force.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive to facilitate the effective exercise by lawyers of freedom to provide services

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Article 57 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community (Doc. 236/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 470/75),
1. Stresses that one of the underlying principles of the Rome Treaty is the abolition, in each Member State, of any discrimination practised on grounds of nationality against nationals of other Member States;
 2. Recalls that one of the fundamental objectives of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is to secure the free movement of services throughout the Community;
 3. Notes that, in two recent judgments (⁽²⁾), the Court of Justice of the European Communities, while confirming the direct applicability of the provisions of the first paragraph of Article 59 and the third paragraph of Article 60 of the Rome Treaty, interpreted Article 55 of the said Treaty as being an exemption clause under which not all the activities of lawyers could be excluded from the Treaty's provisions on freedom to provide services;
 4. Considers that submission of an amended proposal for a Directive was necessary in the light of the judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, and also because of the entry into the common market of new Member States whose legal systems are based on common law;
 5. Recalls that the original proposal from the Commission of the European Communities aimed, in part, at abolishing restrictions on the provision of services by lawyers, but did not apply to all their professional activities;
 6. Notes that the Commission's amended proposal takes account of the new *de facto* situation;
 7. Notes, moreover, that the said proposal contains no provisions for the abolition of restrictions but aims at the effective liberalization of all the activities of lawyers that take the form of services;
 8. Considers that adoption of this proposal will enable the Community authorities to direct their efforts towards solving the problems of the right of establishment of lawyers, the procedures for the achievement of which can only be roughly outlined for the time being owing to the difficulties inherent in the problem of the mutual recognition of lawyers' diplomas;
 9. Nevertheless calls upon the Commission to initiate studies forthwith with a view to submitting proposals on the freedom of establishment of lawyers, which are becoming increasingly necessary in view of the development of economic relations between the Member States;
 10. Approves the Commission's proposal with the proviso that the Commission adopts the following amendments, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

(¹) OJ No C 213, 17. 9. 1975, p. 3.

(²) — Judgment in Case 2/74, reports of cases before the Court, 1974 to 1975, p. 631 *et seq.*
— Judgment in Case 33/74, reports of cases before the Court, 1974 to 1978, p. 1299.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on tax exemptions for certain means of transport temporarily imported into one Member State from another

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹);
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 387/75);
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 513/75);
- noting that the proposal represents a move towards a further liberalization of the fiscal treatment of goods belonging to Community residents moving between Member States;
- aware that the proposal does not entail a loss to Community revenue;

1. Approves of the Commission's proposal as a contribution towards the liberalization of the movement of goods and persons across intra-Community frontiers;

2. Urges the Council to act more speedily on this proposal than it has acted on other proposals in the sphere of fiscal harmonization put before it in the past;
3. Considers that Parliament should be made aware of further developments in this domain;
4. Therefore requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendment in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

(¹) OJ No C 267, 21. 11. 1975, p. 8.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on tax exemptions applicable to personal property of individuals on permanent importation from another Member State

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (¹),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 388/75);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 514/75);
 - noting that the proposal represents a move towards a further liberalization of the fiscal treatment of goods belonging to Community residents moving between Member States;
 - appreciating that the proposal is designed to harmonize the varying treatment which is accorded at present by the Member States to the moveable property of persons when being permanently imported from one Member State into another;
 - aware that the proposal does not entail a loss to Community revenue;
 - recognizing, however, that the proposal will involve certain alterations in the existing arrangements in certain Member States;
 - considering that the changes envisaged constitute tangible and meaningful evidence, for a sector of the public, of the existence of the Community;
1. Approves of the Commission's proposal as a contribution towards the liberalization of the movement of goods and persons within the Community;
 2. Urges the Council to act more speedily on this proposal than it has acted on other proposals in the sphere of fiscal harmonization put before it in the past;
 3. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendment in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

(¹) OJ No C 267, 21. 11. 1975, p. 11.

RESOLUTION

on the present state of economic relations between the European Community and Latin America

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolutions of 25 November 1969 (¹), 20 April 1971 (²) and 14 November 1972 (³) on the state of relations between the Community and Latin America,
- having regard to its resolution of 15 November 1974 on the results of the First European Communities — Latin America Interparliamentary Conference held in Bogota from 15 to 18 July 1974 (⁴),
- having regard to the conclusions of the Second European Communities — Latin America Interparliamentary Conference, held in Luxembourg from 19 to 21 November 1975,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 469/75),

1. Welcomes the growing awareness during the past few years of the need for an overall Community policy towards the Latin American countries;

(¹) OJ No C 160, 18. 12. 1969, p. 16.

(²) OJ No C 45, 10. 5. 1971, p. 20.

(³) OJ No C 129, 11. 12. 1972, p. 20.

(⁴) OJ No C 155, 9. 12. 1974, p. 81.

2. Is pleased to record, in this connection, that since 1971, regular contacts have been established between the Community and Latin America, making it possible to consider twice a year the main economic problems between the two parties, and hopes that these contacts will continue;
3. Welcomes the recent conclusion of a cooperation agreement between the Community and Mexico, and is in favour of intensifying and amplifying the agreements with Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay and of similar agreements with other interested Latin American countries;
4. Considers that a new economic world order must be established to facilitate this increased cooperation, which is based on the principle of the complementary resources and mutual interests of the two parties;
5. Emphasizes, however, the growth during the past few years of the trade deficit of the Latin American countries with the Community, and calls upon both parties to consider measures to achieve a better balance and to intensify their trade;
6. Is of the opinion that the Community system of generalized preferences, which has been constantly improved since 1971, constitutes an important instrument of aid for the promotion of exports from Latin American countries and for the strengthening of regional economic integration;
7. Considers that the effectiveness of these preferences could, however, be improved by setting up specialized institutes to undertake appropriate information and promotion work in order to allow a better utilization of the advantages granted to the beneficiary countries in Latin America;
8. Requests the Community to encourage the attempts at regional integration which are currently under way in the Latin American subcontinent and welcomes in this connection the signature on 18 October 1975 of the Treaty establishing the LAES (Latin American Economic System) aimed at facilitating economic and commercial cooperation between 25 Latin American and Caribbean countries, which could be used as a frame of reference for cooperation between the Community and Latin America;
9. Has taken note of the problems caused by Community restrictions on imports of beef and veal and their adverse effects on the trade balances of several Latin American countries;
10. Welcomes, in this connection, the greater flexibility recently agreed to by the Commission in this field and the proposals which the Commission has recently submitted as part of trade negotiations within GATT and which are aimed at finding a world solution to this problem;
11. Requests the competent Community authorities to study measures for the promotion of technological cooperation between the two areas and the introduction of common research programmes, in particular for raw material prospecting and utilization;
12. Suggests, for this purpose, the creation of a centre for financial cooperation between the two areas and the gradual extension of interventions by the European Investment Bank to cover operations to facilitate regional integration and increased trade between the Community and Latin America;
13. Expresses satisfaction at the results of the Second European Communities — Latin America Interparliamentary Conference, held in Luxembourg from 19 to 21 November 1975;
14. Reaffirms its opinion that the question of parliamentary democracy must be given further consideration at future meetings and welcomes the suggestion that the question of political prisoners, torture and human rights should be included on the agenda for the next conference;
15. Stresses the need for adequate preparation for the next conference, to be held in a Latin American country;
16. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

I. a Regulation on the temporary and partial suspension of the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duty for foliage of asparagus plumosus of subheading ex 06.04 B I

II. a Regulation on the temporary and total suspension of the customs duty applicable in the Community as originally constituted on foliage of asparagus plumosus of subheading ex 06.04 B I imported from the new Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 482/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinions of the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 508/75),
1. Approves the proposal for a Regulation which extends from 1 March 1976 to 31 December 1977 for a suspension at a level of 8 % of the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duty on foliage of asparagus plumosus of subheading ex 06.04 B I;
 2. Approves the proposal for a Regulation which extends for the same period for total suspension the customs duty applicable in the Community as originally constituted on asparagus plumosus of subheading ex 06.04 B I imported from the new Member States.

(¹) OJ No C 34, 14. 2. 1976, p. 6.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on consolidated texts relating to the rice sector

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 410/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 505/75),
- Approves the Commission's proposals.

(¹) OJ No C 278, 5. 12. 1975, p. 6.

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulations No 120/67/EEC, (EEC) No 950/68 and (EEC) No 1052/68 on the tariff nomenclature of certain cereal and sugar products

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (⁽¹⁾),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 412/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 518/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(¹) OJ No C 282, 10. 12. 1975, p. 2.

RESOLUTION
on Community action in the cultural sector

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Commission's working document on Community action in the cultural sector,
 - recalling its resolution of 13 May 1974 (¹),
1. Notes with satisfaction the Commission's working document on Community action in the cultural sector;
 2. Deplores, however, the absence of a timetable for the introduction and implementation of the practical measures envisaged;
 3. Is of the opinion that the promotion of cultural exchanges of every type is an excellent means of making the citizens of the Community more aware of European identity;
 4. Is of the opinion that practical proposals should soon be submitted on the measures to be given priority, since they concern the application of the EEC Treaty on the simplification of administrative formalities, the free movement of labour, the removal of fiscal barriers and the approximation of laws;
 5. Moreover, considers it desirable that the Commission should make particular efforts for the dissemination of culture among young people who are more open to the cultures of other countries, and requests that the appropriations for the cultural exchanges for young workers provided for in Article 50 of the EEC Treaty should be substantially increased;
 6. Is of the opinion that the Commission should also promote other activities designed to make the culture of other Community countries available to broader sections of the population by encouraging the translation of literary and other works and by cooperating in the promotion of cultural events, representations and performances by audio-visual means;
 7. Expects that the Commission will also thoroughly investigate ways and areas in which the Member States' cultural policies can, in due course, be included in the European union;
 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

(¹) OJ No C 62, 30. 5. 1974, p. 5.

RESOLUTION
on the promotion of education on European affairs for young workers

The European Parliament,

- having regard to point 16 of the final communiqué of the conference of Heads of State or Government on 1 and 2 December 1969 in the Hague,
 - having regard to Article 50 of the EEC Treaty,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 538/75),
1. Stresses that the provision of education on European affairs for young workers can make an important contribution to the promotion of the concept of European cooperation;
 2. Notes that the action hitherto taken with Community support in this field has been limited in scope;
 3. Takes the view that the organization and coordination of short courses on European affairs, for young people who have no academic training must be promoted;
 4. Looks forward with interest to the proposal currently being worked out by the European Bureau for Adult Education, involving longer courses for young workers and farmers from the various Member States at adult education centres and other residential centres;
 5. Recalls that it has repeatedly urged progressive increases in appropriations to the Kreyssig fund so that young persons can continue to receive information according to their needs;
 6. Urges in this connection that appropriations for this purpose be entered in the budget nomenclature under two headings as expenditure on information activities through educational institutes and by other means;
 7. Considers it desirable for the Commission, while having regard to undertakings already entered into, to review the conditions for the allocation of the financial resources earmarked for the education of young workers on European affairs in the light of the activities carried out by the institutions concerned;
 8. Urges the Commission to promote the revised first Community programme for exchanges of young workers in such a way that the in any case modest appropriations are utilized in future;
 9. Insists on the long-awaited second Community exchange programme being placed before the Council at an early date;
 10. Draws attention to the contribution that can be made to the promotion of education on European affairs by the Youth Forum which has still not been set up in the field of information;
 11. Requests the Commission to consider the possibilities for additional education on European affairs that could be derived from provisions on educational leave and from correspondence courses in order to reach more easily the young people interested in this education and a means of providing the necessary follow-up information to young persons who have already developed an interest in Europe;
 12. Requests its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the motion for a resolution submitted by Mrs Kellett-Bowman on the formation of a European Community youth orchestra

The European Parliament,

- recognizing the initiative of the International Festival of Youth Orchestras Foundation in wishing to create and organize a European Community youth orchestra,
- emphasizing that the necessary funds will be raised from private sources, and that all that is required is the sponsorship of the European Community,
- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mrs Kellett-Bowman (Doc. 453/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 537/75),
 1. Requests the European Commission to take the necessary measures to ensure that Community sponsorship be accorded to this youth orchestra;
 2. Requests the committee responsible to maintain contact and keep informed of the progress of the formation of the orchestra;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

RESOLUTION

on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association
adopted in Ankara on 19 September 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the recommendations adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association at its XXth meeting in Ankara from 15 to 20 September 1975 (Doc. 272/75),
- having regard to the report by the Associations Committee (Doc. 504/75),
 1. Approves the recommendations adopted on 19 September 1975 by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association;
 2. Stresses anew the importance of political consultations between Turkey and the European Communities not only on international questions but also with particular regard to the undertakings contained in Article 56 of the Additional Protocol (consultations 'in the event of a third State acceding to the Community') and to the balanced development of the Community's relations with Turkey and Greece;
 3. Emphasizes that the future accession of Greece to the European Communities cannot be allowed to affect the continuing positive development of the Association with Turkey and Turkey's eventual full membership;
 4. Expresses its disappointment at the complete absence of practical results from the talks between the representatives of the two Cypriot communities, and emphasizes that the necessary permanent solutions can only be reached by negotiation' on the basis of a sovereign, independent Cypriot State and of the equality of both communities on the island;
 5. Hopes that the talks on Cyprus scheduled for the beginning of this year under the auspices of the United Nations will have the long-desired results which are a matter of urgency for the communities affected;
 6. Welcomes the willingness of both parties to negotiate with a view to the resumption of talks on the Aegean area, with particular reference to the delimitation of the continental shelf and the reopening of airspace;
 7. Is concerned at the large increase in the Turkish balance of payments deficit despite the positive aspects of the development of trade between the Community and Turkey;
 8. In view of Turkey's difficult economic situation, calls for more flexible application by Community bodies of the principles of the association and greater understanding on the part of the Community of the economic and social needs of its association partner;
 9. Welcomes the positive preparatory work on the contents of the third Financial Protocol to be signed in 1976;

10. Notes with concern that the first agreements reached within the framework of the EEC Mediterranean policy have led to an erosion of the preferences accorded to Turkey and have already placed her at a disadvantage with regard to agricultural products;
11. Takes note of Turkey's rejection of the Community's offer under the agricultural review provided for in Article 35 of the Additional Protocol and urges Community bodies to show greater willingness to compromise in this area and to produce improved proposals immediately;
12. Deplores the fact that there are still differences between the association partners on social security questions under Article 39 of the Additional Protocol and hopes that the necessary solutions will be worked out in a spirit of mutual understanding without further delay;
13. Hopes for a prompt start to the preparatory work on the implementation of free movement for Turkish workers in the Community, pursuant to Article 36 of the Additional Protocol;
14. Calls on the organs of the European Community, the Governments of Turkey and the Member States to cooperate more closely in the schooling of children of Turkish migrant workers in the Community, so that they may be integrated at all school levels by means of suitable teaching materials and qualified teachers, and achieve real equality with the children of the host country;
15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, to the Parliaments of the Member States of the Community and to the Turkish Government.

