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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF MONDAY, 7 JULY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPENALE

President

The sitting was opened at 4.45 p.m.

Resumption of session

The President declared resumed the session of the European Parliament adjourned on 20 June 1975.

Tribute to Mr. Furler

On behalf of Parliament, the President paid tribute to the late Mr Hans Furler, former President of the European Parliament.

Appointment of new Members of Parliament

The President announced that on 20 June 1975, the Danish Folketing had renewed its delegation to the European Parliament. The following had been appointed: Mr Kristian Albertsen, Mr Ole Espersen, Mr Ove Guldberg, Mr Erhard Jakobsen, Mr Niels Anker Kofoed, Mrs Edle Kruchow, Mr Jens Maigaard, Mr Jørgen Brøndlund Nielsen, Mr Knud Nielsen and Mr Kai Nyborg.

The President then announced that on 1 July 1975, the House of Commons of the United Kingdom had appointed the following as representatives to the European Parliament: Mr Guy Barnett, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr Tam Dalyell, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mrs Gwynth Dunwoody, Mr Tom Ellis, Mr John Evans, Mr William Hamilton, Mr Mark Hughes, Mr R. C. Mitchell, Mr John Prescott and Mr Michael Stewart.

The President announced that on 3 July 1975, the House of Lords of the United Kingdom had renewed its delegation to the European Parliament. The following had been appointed: Lord Bessborough, Lord Ardwick, Lord Bethell, Lord Bruce of Donington, Lord Castle, Lady Fisher of Rednal, Lord Gordon-Walker, Lord Reay, Lord Saint Oswald and Lord Walston.

On a proposal from the Bureau which had satisfied itself pursuant to Rule 3 (1) of the Rules of Procedure that these appointments complied with the provisions of the Treaties, Parliament ratified these appointments.
The President welcomed the new members on behalf of Parliament.

Mr Johnston and Mr Fellermaier spoke.

Election of a Vice-President

The President announced that he had received from the Socialist Group the nomination of Sir Geoffrey de Freitas as candidate for the vacant seat of Vice-President.

As only one nomination had been received for this seat, Parliament elected by acclamation Sir Geoffrey de Freitas as Vice-President of the European Parliament pursuant to Rule 7 (1) of the Rules of Procedure.

The President declared Sir Geoffrey de Freitas Vice-President of the European Parliament and congratulated him on his election.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following documents:

(a) from the Council of the European Communities, requests for an Opinion on:

I. 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 for 1976, originating in Israel (Doc. 156/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its Opinion;

II. 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 certain eels falling within subheading ex 03.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff for 1976 (Doc. 157/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its Opinion;

III. 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 new potatoes falling within subheading 07.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff for 1976, originating in Cyprus (Doc. 158/75).

This document had been referred to the Associations Committee as the committee responsible and to the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Agriculture for their Opinions;

IV. 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 (Doc. 159/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Public Health and the Environment;

V. 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 (Doc. 168/75).
This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its Opinion;

— 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 for 1976, originating in Portugal

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 for 1976, originating in Portugal

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 for 1976, originating in Portugal

(Doc. 169/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its Opinion;

— 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 for 1976, originating in Spain

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 for 1976, originating in Spain

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 for 1976, originating in Spain

(Doc. 170/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its Opinion;

— 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 for 1976, originating in Spain

II. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried grapes falling within subheading ex 08.01 B 1 of the Common Customs Tariff for 1976

(Doc. 171/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its Opinion;

— 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 (Doc. 172/75).

This document had been referred to the Associations Committee as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on External Economic Relations for their Opinions;

— 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 ex 08.04 B 1 of the Common Customs Tariff, in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less (Doc. 173/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its Opinion;
— the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

   I. a Regulation on measures intended to adapt wine potential to market requirements

   II. a Regulation amending Regulations (EEC) No 816/70 and (EEC) No 817/70 taking into account the Council resolution of 21 April 1975 concerning new guidelines designed to balance the market in table wines (Doc. 177/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on External Economic Relations for their Opinions;

— 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 (Doc. 178/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its Opinion;

— the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for Regulations concerning the application for 1976 of the generalized tariff preferences (Doc. 179/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Development and Cooperation as the committee responsible and to the Committee on External Economic Relations, the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for their Opinions;

— the 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 (Doc. 181/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Development and Cooperation;

(b) from the committees, the following reports:

— report by Mr Willem Albers, on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 465/74) concerning an action programme in favour of migrant workers and their families (Doc. 160/75);

— report by Mr Luigi Marras, on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, on the report from the Commission of the European Communities on the development of the social situation in the Community in 1974 — (Doc. 17/75) — (Doc. 161/75);

— report by Mr Tom Normanton, on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the Fourth Report of the Commission of the European Communities on competition policy — (Doc. 108/75) — (Doc. 164/75);

— interim report by Mr Norbert Hougardy, on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the index-linking of savings (Doc. 165/75);

— report by Mr Erwin Lange, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the draft treaty 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, presented by the Council: budgetary procedure — (Doc. 501/74) — (Doc. 166/75);

— report by Mr Heinrich Aigner, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the draft treaty proposed by the Council carrying amendments to 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: establishment of a European Court of Auditors — (Doc. 501/74) — (Doc. 167/75);

— report by Mr Alfred Bertrand, on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee, on European Union (Doc. 174/75);

— report by Mr Charles Durand, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the Third Financial Report presented by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council and the European Parliament on the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, year 1973 (Doc. 175/75);

— report by Mr Egon Klepsch, on behalf of the Associations Committee, on the recommendations of the EEC-Turkey Joint Parliamentary
Committee adopted in Copenhagen on 24 April 1975 — (Doc. 107/75) — (Doc. 182/75);

(c) the following oral question:

— oral question with debate put by Mr Jahn on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment to the Commission of the European Communities on inadequate EEC bird protection measures (Doc. 153/75).

Authorization of reports

The President announced that he had authorized various committees, at their own request, pursuant to Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure, to draw up the following reports:

— Political Affairs Committee:
  Report on the political prospects of the Euro-Arab dialogue;
  The Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Committee on External Economic Relations have been asked for their Opinions.

— Committee on Regional Policy and Transport:
  Report on the formulation of a Community policy on maritime transport in the light of recent developments in world trade policy;
  The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs had been asked for its Opinion.

— Committee on Public Health and the Environment:
  Report on guidelines for a Community programme concerning safety, hygiene and health protection at work;
  The Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth had been asked for their Opinions.

— Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth:
  Report on permanent centres of adult education.

Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on the simplification of formalities in respect of goods traded between the European Economic Community on the one hand and Greece and Turkey on the other hand when the said goods are forwarded from Austria;

Agreement between the European Economic Community and the World Food Programme on the supply of cereals to developing countries as food aid;

Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Catholic Relief Service on the supply of common wheat flour as food aid;

Additional protocol to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the accession of new Member States to the Community;

Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the accession of new Member States to the Community;

Notice of the completion by the Community of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the accession of new Member States to the Community;

Minutes of the notification of the completion of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the accession of new Member States to the Community;

Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Rwandese Republic on the supply of common wheat flour as food aid.

Decision on urgency

On a proposal from its President, Parliament decided to deal by urgent procedure with reports not submitted within the time limit laid down in the ruling of 11 May 1967.

Filing of a petition

The President announced that the Political Affairs Committee, which had examined Petition No 2/75 submitted by Mr Auguste Pinton and 16 other
signatories and referred to it on 16 June 1975, had forwarded it to Mr Alfred Bertrand, rapporteur on European Union, and had requested that it should be filed without further action.

Tabling of a motion for a resolution, decision on urgency and inclusion in the agenda

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution on the Decisions adopted by the Council of Research Ministers on 26 June 1975 (Doc. 163/75), tabled by Mr Gerd Springorum on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure.

Parliament decided to adopt urgent procedure in respect of this document and to place it on the agenda for Tuesday, 8 July 1975.

Order of business

The President reminded Members that Parliament had already adopted the agenda for the present part-session at its sitting of 20 June 1975. He announced that in the meantime, however, certain changes had occurred. The following items had been withdrawn from the agenda: report by Mr Cousté on data-processing, report by Mr "Willi" Muller on the lead content of petrol, report by Mr Meintz on health protection at work, report by Mr Noé on biological standards for lead and report by Mr Howell on sucrose.

After the following had spoken on the order of business and in particular on the report by Mr Della Briotta on wine: Mr Cipolla, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Leenhardt, Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Mr Kirk, Mr Lange, Mr Boano, Mr Artzinger, Mr Della Briotta, Mr Houdet, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Normanton, Mr Luckner, Mr Cipolla, Mr Durieux and Mr Della Briotta, Parliament decided to modify as follows the agenda adopted on 20 June 1975:

That afternoon:
- statement by the Commission on action taken on the Opinions of Parliament;
- report by Mr Mitterdorfer on customs union and the achievement of the internal market;
- report by Mr Klepsch on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association.

Tuesday, 8 July 1975

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:
- statement by Mr Brunner, Member of the Commission, on the Community research policy;
- motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Springorum on the decisions adopted by the Council of Research Ministers on 26 June 1975;
- statement by Mr Simonet, Vice-President of the Commission, on the Council Decisions of 26 June 1975;
- report by Mr Leonardi on a Community policy in the hydrocarbons sector;
- report by Mr Burghbacher on the medium-term guidelines for coal;
- report by Mr Durand on the EAGGF.

Wednesday, 9 July 1975

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:
- Question Time;
- statement by the President-in-Office of the Council followed by a short debate;
- report by Mr Bertrand on European union.

Thursday, 10 July 1975

10 a.m., 3 p.m. and possibly 9 p.m.:
- vote on the motion for a resolution contained in the report by Mr Bertrand on European union;
- joint debate on:
  - the report by Mr Lange on amendments to the budgetary provisions of the Treaties, and
  - the report by Mr Aigner on the same subject;
- report by Mr Aigner on the ECSC Auditor's report;
- report by Mr Albers on migrant workers;
- report by Mr Marras on the social situation in the Community;
- report by Mr Walkhoff on the European schools system;
- motion for a resolution on education in the European Community;
- report by Mr Della Briotta on wine.
Friday, 11 July 1975

9.30 a.m. to 12 noon:

— interim report by Mr Hougardy on the index-linking of savings;

— report by Mr Jahn on those parts of the Eighth General Report which fall within the terms of reference of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment;

— Oral question with debate put by Mr Jahn to the Commission on inadequate EEC bird protection measures.

The President reminded members that at the end of its previous part-session, Parliament had decided to limit speaking time on all reports on the agenda to:

15 minutes for the rapporteur and for one speaker on behalf of each group,

10 minutes for other speakers and

5 minutes for speakers on amendments.

Speaking time on oral questions with debate was limited to

10 minutes for the author and

5 minutes for other speakers.

Finally, the President recalled that at its sitting of 20 June 1975, Parliament had decided to set the time limit for tabling amendments to the reports by Mr Lange, Mr Aigner and Mr Bertrand for 5 p.m. that afternoon.

In view of the late submission of these reports, Parliament decided on a proposal from its President to change the time limit for tabling amendments to the reports by Mr Lange and Mr Aigner to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 9 July 1975 and the time limit for tabling amendments to the report by Mr Bertrand to 12 noon on Wednesday, 9 July 1975.

Action taken by the Commission on the Opinions of Parliament

Mr Gundelach, Member of the Commission, informed Parliament of the action taken by the Commission on various Opinions delivered by Parliament during its previous part-sessions.

Simplification of customs procedures

Mr Karl Mitterdorfer introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the customs union, including the programme for the simplification of customs procedures (Doc. 22/75), and the achievement of the internal market (Doc. 135/75).

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. BORDU
Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Cifarelli on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Schwörer on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr de Clercq on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Normanton on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Leenhardt, Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Mr Schwabe, Mr Gundelach, Member of the Commission, Mr Normanton, Mr Gundelach, Mr Normanton, Mr Gundelach and Mr Mitterdorfer, Rapporteur, who suggested a change in the wording of the title of the motion for a resolution which was accepted by Parliament.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

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 (*) on the removal of controls on travel within the Community and of 9 October 1972 (†) on controls on traffic within the Community,

(*) OJ No C 78, 2. 8. 1971, p. 48.
— 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;

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.

**Recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association**

Mr Egon Alfred Klepsch introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Associations Committee, on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Turkey Association adopted in Copenhagen on 24 April 1975 — (Doc. 107/75) — (Doc. 182/75).

The following spoke: Mr Hansen on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr de Clercq on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Corrie on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Laudrin on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Lord Bethell and Mr Gundelach, Member of the Commission.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:
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.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Tuesday, 8 July 1975:

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:
— statement by Mr Brunner, Member of the Commission, on the Community research policy;
— motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Springorum on the decision of the Council of Research Ministers of 26 June 1975;
— statement by Mr Simonet, Vice-President of the Commission, on the Council Decisions of 26 June 1975;
— report by Mr Leonardi on a Community policy in the hydrocarbons sector;
— report by Mr Burgbacher on the medium-term guidelines for coal;
— report by Mr Durand on the EAGGF.

The sitting was closed at 7.50 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Lucien MARTENS
Vice-President
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, 8 JULY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR L. MARTENS  
Vice-President

The sitting was opened at 10.05 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following documents:

(a) from the Council of the European Communities, requests for an Opinion on:
   — the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on consolidated texts relating to the cereals sector (Doc. 184/75).
   This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;
   — the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for
     I. a Directive fixing the maximum level of erucic acid in fats, oil and margarine for food
     II. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 657/75 on the standard quality for colza and rape seed
   (Doc. 185/75).

   Section I of this document had been referred to the Committee on Public Health and the Environment as the committee responsible and Section II to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its Opinion;

(b) from the committees, the following report:
   — report by Mr Libero Della Briotta, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, 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 (Doc. 363/74);
   II. a Regulation on measures intended to adapt wine potential to market requirements, a Regulation amending (pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the Treaty) Regulations (EEC) No 816/70 and (EEC) No 817/70 taking into account the Council resolution of 21 April 1975 concerning new guidelines designed to balance the market in table wines (Doc. 177/75)
   (Doc. 187/75);

(c) the following motions for resolutions;
   — motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Cointat, Mr Herbert, Mr Liogier and Mr Nyborg on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure, on the peripheral coastal regions of the European Community (Doc. 162/75);
   — motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Broeksz, Committee Chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth, on education in the European Community (Doc. 183/75);

(d) the following oral questions:
   — oral questions put by Mr Leenhardt, Mr Ansart, Mr Adams, Mr Behrendt, Mr Corterier, Mr Willi Müller, Mr Bordu, Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Johnston, Mr Hougardy, Mr Noë, Mr Spicer, Mr Shaw, Mr Corrie, Mr Osborn, Mr Howell, Mr de la Malène, Mr Fellermaier and Mr Seefeld, pursuant to Rule 47A of the Rules of Procedure, for Question Time on 9 July 1975 (Doc. 176/75);

(e) from the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Greece Association, the recommendations adopted in Athens on 27 June 1975 (Doc. 180/75);
This document had been referred to the Associations Committee as the committee responsible and to the Political Affairs Committee for an Opinion.

Change in agenda

On a proposal from Mr Lemoine and after Mr Springorum, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, had spoken, Parliament decided to postpone until the September part-session the report by Mr Leonardi on the Community policy in the hydrocarbons sector (Doc. 122/75).

Reference back to committee of a petition

The President announced that, after examining Petition No 1/75 presented by Mr Barel and referred to it on 14 May 1975, the Committee on Public Health and the Environment had established that it did not fall within the sphere of activities of the Communities.

He informed the House that this petition had now been referred to the Legal Affairs Committee.

Statement by Mr Brunner, Member of the Commission, on the Community energy research policy

Mr Brunner, Member of the Commission, delivered a statement on the Community energy research policy.

On a proposal from its President, Parliament decided that the debate on Mr Brunner’s statement would be held within the context of consideration of the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Springorum on the same subject (Doc. 163/75).

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

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.

Change in agenda

The next item on the agenda was the statement by Mr Simonet, Vice-President of the Commission, on the decisions adopted by the Council of Research Ministers on 26 June 1975. However, the President observed that Mr Simonet was not present and Mr Springorum proposed that Parliament should deal next with the report by Mr Burgbacher (Doc. 147/75), which was the following item on the agenda.

Parliament decided to consider next the report by Mr Burgbacher.

Medium-term guidelines for coal 1975-1985

Mr Corona proposed on behalf of the Socialist Group that the Burgbacher report be referred back to committee.

The following spoke on this proposal: Mr Springorum, Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, Mr Espersen and Mr Burgbacher.

Parliament rejected Mr Corona's proposal.

Mr Friedrich Burgbacher introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities on the 'medium-term guidelines for coal 1975/1985' (Doc. 147/75).

The following spoke: Mr Giraud on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Vandewiele on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Osborn on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Hougardy on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Ansart on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Ellis and Mr Fläming.

The sitting was suspended at 12.55 p.m. and resumed at 3.05 p.m.
European Conservative Group amendment No 1, which Mr Osborn moved.

Mr Burgbacher, Rapporteur, spoke.

Amendment No 1 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 3, accordingly modified, then paragraph 4.

On paragraph 5, Mr Corona, Mr Flämig, Mr Vandewiele, Mr Giraud, Mr Osborn, Mr Hougardy and Mr Ansart had tabled amendment No 2, which Mr Flämig moved.

Mr Burgbacher, Rapporteur, spoke.

Amendment No 2 was adopted.

Paragraph 6 was adopted.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

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 (*),

— 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 (**),

— on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a resolution on the objectives of the Community energy policy (***)

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;

(**) OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 55.
(***) OJ No C 76, 7. 4. 1975, p. 30.
(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.
Act of terrorism in Jerusalem

Mr Blumenfeld introduced the motion for a resolution which he and Mr Albers, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Espersen, Mr Giraud, Mr Klepsch, Mr Laban, Mr Ney, Mr Noé, Mr Pêtre, Mr Santer and Mr Schuijt had tabled, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the latest act of terrorism against citizens of the State of Israel in Jerusalem (Doc. 188/75).

The following spoke: Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Berkhouwer on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Cifarelli and Mr Espersen.

Mr Fellermaier proposed that the debate be postponed.

Mr Covelli spoke on a question of procedure.

Mr Spicer, Mr Covelli and Mr Blumenfeld spoke.

The President having established that Parliament agreed that the motion for a resolution should be postponed, announced that a new date would be proposed for dealing with this document.

Appointment of members of Parliament

The President announced that on 7 July 1975, the House of Commons of the United Kingdom had appointed Mrs Winifred Ewing as representative to the European Parliament and that on 8 July 1975 the House of Lords had appointed Lord Gladwyn as member of the European Parliament.

He announced that the credentials of these members would be verified after the next meeting of the Bureau. Until then, pursuant to Rule 3 (3) of the Rules of Procedure, these representatives would take their seats in Parliament with the same rights as other members.

Finally, the President announced that he had been informed by the House of Commons that the appointment of Mr Johnston had expired on 8 July 1975.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Wednesday, 9 July 1975:

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:
— Question Time;
— statement by the President-in-Office of the Council followed by a short debate;
— presentation and discussion of the report by Mr Bertrand on European Union.

The sitting was closed at 6.25 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Georges SPÉNALE
President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPÉNALE
President

The sitting was opened at 10.10 a.m.

Approval of minutes

After Mr Memmel had spoken, the minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.
Organization of the debate on the Bertrand report on European Union

The President announced that the enlarged Bureau had decided to organize as follows the debate on the Bertrand report on European Union:

- 20 minutes for the Rapporteur,
- 10 minutes for Mr Giraudo, Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee,
- 50 minutes for the Commission, the Council and Mr Tindemans,
- 20 minutes for one speaker on behalf of each political group,
- 90 minutes for the Socialist Group,
- 80 minutes for the Christian-Democratic Group,
- 45 minutes for the Liberal and Allies Group,
- 25 minutes for the European Conservative Group,
- 25 minutes for the Group of European Progressive Democrats,
- 20 minutes for the Communist and Allies Group,
- 10 to 15 minutes for non-attached members.

The President pointed out that speeches would be classified in four categories:

1. Powers and institutional structure of the Union;
2. Economic, monetary, energy, social, regional policies etc.;
3. Budgetary and financial aspects, Court of Auditors;
4. Foreign policy, security aspects, development policy etc.

Draftsmen of Opinions would be allowed to speak for 10 minutes each within their individual terms of reference.

The President invited members who wished to speak to enter their names on the list of speakers by 12 noon that day, and to indicate the sector on which they had chosen to speak.

The President announced that the enlarged Bureau had decided that Parliament should suspend its sitting at 8.30 or 9 p.m. that evening and that the debate could if necessary be resumed the following day at 10 a.m.

The enlarged Bureau had also decided that Parliament should pursue its work the following day, i.e. 10 July 1975, as follows:

- possibly, continuation of the debate on the Bertrand report;
- vote on the motion for a resolution on European Union;
- joint debate on the Aigner and Lange reports on the budgetary provisions of the Treaties;
- debate on the Della Briotta report on wine.

The President observed that it would only be possible to decide at the end of the vote on the Della Briotta report and depending on the hour whether to deal with the items on the agenda for Thursday's sitting or whether to postpone them until a subsequent part-session.

The following spoke: Mr Alfred Bertrand, Chairman of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, Mr Walkhoff, Sir Derek Walker-Smith, Mr Borschette, Member of the Commission, and Mr Bersani.

Membership of committees

On a proposal from the Liberal and Allies Group, Parliament appointed Mrs Kruchow as member of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and Mr Kofoed as member of the Committee on Agriculture, to replace Mr Brøndlund Nielsen.

Verification of credentials

On a proposal from the Bureau, which had satisfied itself pursuant to Rule 3 (1) of the Rules of Procedure that the appointments of Mrs Winifred Ewing and of Lord Gladwyn as representatives to the European Parliament complied with the provisions of the Treaties, Parliament ratified these appointments.

Question Time

Parliament considered next the following questions put to the Council and Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 176/75).

The President welcomed on behalf of Parliament Mr Mariano Rumor, President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities.
Questions to the Council of the European Communities:

No 1 by Mr Leenhardt: Multinational companies

Mr Rumor, President-in-Office of the Council, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Leenhardt, Mr Prescott, Sir Derek Walker-Smith, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Broeksz, Mr Osborn and Mr Normanton.

No 2 by Mr Ansart: Transfer of 'Pluton' missiles to the Federal Republic of Germany

Mr Rumor, President-in-Office of the Council, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Ansart, Mr Corterier, Mr Aigner and Mr Fellermaier.

No 3 by Mr Adams: Member States’ behaviour at the CSCE talks

Mr Rumor, President-in-Office of the Council, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Adams, Mr Seefeld, Mr Walkhoff, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Burgbacher, Mr Giraud, Mr Aigner and Mr Jahn.

No 4 by Mr Behrendt: Frontier changes in the context of European unification

Mr Rumor, President-in-Office of the Council, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Suck, deputizing for Mr Behrendt and Mr Aigner.

No 5 by Mr Corterier: Advantages for Europe in the results of the CSCE

Mr Rumor, President-in-Office of the Council, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Corterier, Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Seefeld, Lord Bethell, Mr Fellermaier and Mr Burgbacher.

Questions to the Commission of the European Communities:

No 6 by Mr Willi Müller: Commission participation in the CSCE talks

Sir Christopher Soames, Vice-President of the Commission, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Willi Müller, Mr Howell, Mr Bersani and Mr Jahn.
No 7 by Mr Bordu: Inquiry into the activities of oil companies

Mr Borschette, Member of the Commission, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Bordu, Mr Dalyell and Mr Noé.

No 8 by Mr Blumenfeld: Commission reports on economic trends and the general economic situation

Mr Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Bersani, Mr Giraud, Mr Dykes, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr Cifarelli and Mr Normanton.

Question No 9 by Mr Johnston will be answered in writing.

Lord Gladwyn spoke.

No 10 by Mr Hougardy: Quantitative restrictions on imports

Mr Lardinois, Member of the Commission, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Hougardy and Mr Corrie.

Mr Dykes spoke on a question of procedure.

The President declared Question Time closed.

He announced that questions which could not be dealt with that day would receive a written answer unless their authors requested an oral answer at the next Question Time.

Statement by the President-in-Office of the Council

The President welcomed on behalf of Parliament Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, who had taken a seat in the Chamber.

Mr Rumor, President-in-Office of the Council, delivered a statement on the development prospects of the Community's policy.

Presentation of a petition

The President informed Parliament that he had received from Miss Caterina Chizzola and several thousand other signatories a petition on a draft constitution establishing a European government.

This petition had been entered under No 5/75 in the register provided for in Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure and referred to the Political Affairs Committee.

European Union

Mr Alfred Bertrand introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee, on European Union (Doc. 174/75).

Mr Giraudo, Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee, spoke.

The sitting was suspended at 12.40 p.m. and resumed at 3.05 p.m.
European Union (continued)

Resuming the debate, the following spoke: Mr Cortier on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Lücker on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Lord Gladwyn on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Bordu on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Ortoli, President of the Commission, and Mr Tindemans, Member of the Council.

Mr Concas, Draftsman of the Opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee, spoke on the powers and institutional structure of the European Union.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced that, in agreement with the rapporteurs and the chairmen of the committees concerned, the following items had been withdrawn from the agenda for Thursday, 10 July 1975 and postponed until the September part-session: report by Mr Albers on migrant workers, report by Mr Marras on the social situation in the Community, report by Mr Walkhoff on the European schools system and the motion for a resolution on education in the Community.

The agenda for Thursday, 10 July 1975, was therefore as follows:

10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.:
— continuation and conclusion of the debate on European Union;
— vote on the motion for a resolution on European Union;
— vote on the various motions for resolutions tabled with request for debate by urgent procedure;
— joint debate on the Aigner and Lange reports on modifications to the budgetary provisions of the Treaties;
— Della Briotta report on wine;
— Aigner report on the ECSC Auditor's report.

The sitting was closed at 8.50 p.m.
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, 10 JULY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPENALE
President

The sitting was opened at 10.05 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.

Change in agenda

At the request of Mr Cheysson, Member of the Commission, Parliament decided to consider the Aigner report (Doc. 140/75), originally scheduled to be dealt with as the last item on that day's agenda, immediately after the joint consideration of the Lange and Aigner reports (Doc. 166/75 and Doc. 167/75).

European Union (continued)

Parliament resumed its debate on the report drawn up by Mr Alfred Bertrand on European Union (Doc. 174/75).

The following spoke on economic, monetary, energy, social, regional etc. policies: Mr Hughes, Mr Arztinzer, Mr Howell, Mr Van der Gun, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Mr Noé, Mr Bersani, Mr Springorum and Mr Lange.

Mr Aigner spoke on the budgetary and financial aspects and on the Court of Auditors.

The following spoke on foreign policy, security aspects, development policy, etc.: Lord Bethell, Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Deschamps and Mr Alfred Bertrand, Rapporteur.

Parliament considered next the motion for a resolution contained in Mr Bertrand's report.

The President announced that amendments No 8, Nos 40 to 46, No 50, No 51 and No 53 had been withdrawn.

On a proposal from its President, Parliament decided to limit speaking time on amendments to three minutes.

Parliament adopted the preamble.

On paragraph 1, the following six amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 10 by the Socialist Group,
— amendment No 11 by the Socialist Group,
— amendment No 19 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group,
— amendment No 2 by Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats,
— amendment No 20 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group,
— amendment No 21 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

Mr Corterier moved amendments No 10 and No 11, Mr Kirk amendments No 19, No 20 and No 21 and Mr de la Malène amendment No 2.

Mr Alfred Bertrand, Rapporteur, spoke.

Parliament adopted the first sentence of paragraph 1.

On the first indent of paragraph 1, amendment No 10 sought to make two distinct changes: the first, which consisted in deleting the word 'increasingly', was adopted; the second which consisted in replacing the words 'for liberty' by the words 'for fundamental liberties', was rejected.

Mr Alfred Bertrand and Mr Corterier spoke.

Amendment No 11 on the second indent of paragraph 1 was rejected.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Amendment No 19 on the second indent of paragraph 1 was adopted.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Amendment No 2 on the second indent of paragraph 1 was rejected.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Amendment No 20 on the second indent of paragraph 1 was rejected.

The third indent of paragraph 1 was adopted.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Amendment No 21 on the fourth indent of paragraph 1 was rejected.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

The third change proposed in amendment No 10, which consisted in reversing the order of the last two indents of paragraph 1, was adopted.

Mr Bertrand spoke.
The fourth change proposed in amendment No 10, which consisted in deleting in the last indent of paragraph 1 the word 'even', was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 1, accordingly modified.

On paragraph 2, the following three amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 49 by Mr Vernaschi on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group,
— amendment No 22 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group,
— amendment No 13 by the Socialist Group.

Mr Kirk moved amendment No 22, Mr Corterier amendment No 13 and Mr Giraudo, deputizing for Mr Vernaschi, amendment No 49.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Amendment No 49 was adopted.

Amendment No 22 was rejected.

Mr Fellermaier withdrew amendment No 13.

Parliament adopted paragraph 2, accordingly modified.

On paragraph 3, the following six amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 24 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group,
— amendment No 14 by Mr Albers, Mr Broeksz, Mr Van der Hek, Mr Laban and Mr Patijn,
— amendment No 3 by Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats,
— amendment No 1 by Mr Laban,
— amendment No 54 by Mr De Keersmaeker and Mr Zeller,
— amendment No 15 by the Socialist Group.

Mr Kirk moved amendment No 24.

Mr Bertrand and Mr Jahn spoke.

Amendment No 24 was rejected.

Mr Van der Hek moved amendment No 14.

Mr Bertrand and Mr Corterier spoke.

Amendment No 14 was rejected.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Amendment No 3 was rejected.

Mr Laban moved amendment No 1.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Mr Laban, announced that he was prepared to shorten the text of his amendment No 1, leaving only the words '(d) educational policy'.

Mr Fellermaier subscribed on behalf of the Socialist Group to this change.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Amendment No 1, accordingly modified, was adopted.

Mr De Keersmaeker moved amendment No 54.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Mr De Keersmaeker withdrew amendment No 54.

Mr Corterier moved amendment No 15.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Amendment No 15 was adopted.

As Parliament was proceeding to vote on the modified paragraph 3, Mr Van der Hek requested that one subparagraph of this paragraph should be voted separately.

The following spoke on questions of procedure: Mr Jahn, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Lücker, Mr Broeksz, Mr Lücker, Mr de la Malène, Mr Giraudo and Mr Bangemann.

Parliament adopted subparagraph (b) of paragraph 3, then the whole of paragraph 3.

On paragraph 4, the following five amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 25 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group,
— amendment No 52 by Mr Lücker, Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Jahn, Mr Andreotti, Mr Colin, Mr McDonald and Mr Klepsch on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group,
— amendment No 16 by the Socialist Group,
— amendment No 4 by Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats,
— amendment No 17 by Mr Albers, Mr Broeksz, Mr Van der Hek, Mr Laban and Mr Patijn.

Mr Kirk moved amendment No 25, Mr Lücker amendment No 52 and Mr Corterier amendment No 16.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Amendment No 25 was rejected.
Mr Bertrand spoke.
Amendment No 52 was rejected.
Amendment No 16 was adopted.
Mr Bertrand spoke.
Amendments No 4 and No 17, which were identical, were adopted.
Parliament adopted paragraph 4, accordingly modified.
Mr Kirk had tabled on behalf of the European Conservative Group amendment No 23, proposing the inversion of paragraphs 3 and 4.
Amendment No 23 was adopted.
The sitting was suspended at 1 p.m. and resumed at 3.10 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPÉNALE
President

Organization of the debate on the Della Briotta report on wine
The President announced that the enlarged Bureau, on a proposal from the chairmen of the political groups, had decided to organize as follows the debate on the Della Briotta report on wine scheduled to be held that evening:
15 minutes for the rapporteur,
10 minutes for the draftsmen of Opinions,
60 minutes for speakers on behalf of the Socialist Group,
50 minutes for speakers on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group,
35 minutes for speakers on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group,
30 minutes for speakers on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats,
30 minutes for speakers on behalf of the European Conservative Group,
30 minutes for speakers on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group,
10 minutes for non-attached members.
Mr Broeksz spoke on a question of procedure.

European Union (continued)

Resuming the vote on the Bertrand motion for a resolution, Parliament considered next paragraph 5, on which the following four amendments had been tabled:
— amendment No 26 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group,
— amendment No 5 by Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats,
— amendment No 36 by the Socialist Group,
— amendment No 27 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

Mr Kirk moved amendments No 26 and No 27.
Mr de la Malène withdrew amendment No 5.
Mr Corterier moved amendment No 36.
Lord Gladwyn and Mr Bertrand spoke.
Mr Kirk withdrew amendment no 27.
Amendment No 26 was rejected.
Amendment No 36 was adopted.
Parliament adopted paragraph 5, accordingly modified, then paragraph 6.
On paragraph 7, the Socialist Group had tabled amendment No 37, which Mr Corterier moved.
The following spoke: Mr Bertrand, Mr Espersen, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Jakobsen, Mr Rivierez, Mr Bertrand, Mr Maigaard and Mr Bertrand.

After Parliament had taken note of the statement made by the Danish delegation at the Conference of Heads of State or Government of 9 and 10 December 1974 on elections by universal suffrage, the President established that amendment No 37 had been withdrawn.

Parliament adopted paragraph 7.
On paragraph 8, Mr Zeller had tabled amendment No 55, which he now withdrew.
Parliament adopted paragraph 8.
On paragraph 9, the following two amendments had been tabled:
— amendment No 28 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group,
— amendment No 6 by Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats.

Mr Kirk moved amendment No 28.
Mr de la Malène withdrew amendment No 6.
The following spoke: Lord Gladwyn, Mr Bertrand, Mr Aigner, Mr Kirk, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Kirk, Lord Gladwyn, Mr Kirk, Mr Bertrand, Mr Lücker, Mr Kirk, Mr de la Malène, Mr Poher, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Bertrand, Mr Aigner, Mr Lücker and Mr Kirk.

Taking into account the points made by the various speakers, the President proposed that amendment No 28 should read as follows:

'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.'

Parliament adopted amendment No 28 in this form.

On paragraph 10, the following two amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 38 by the Socialist Group,
— amendment No 29 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

Mr Corterier moved amendment No 38.

The following spoke: Mr Bertrand, Mr Schmidt, Mr Lange, Mr Brandlund Nielsen, Mr Artzinger, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr Lange and Mr Bertrand.

Amendment No 38 was rejected.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Amendment No 29 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 10, accordingly modified.

The first sentence of paragraph 11 was adopted.

On subparagraph (a) of paragraph 11, the following two amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 7 by Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats,
— amendment No 30 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

Mr de la Malène withdrew amendment No 7.

Mr Kirk moved amendment No 30.

The following spoke: Mr Bertrand, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Lücker and Mr Kirk.

Taking into account the points made by the various speakers, the President proposed the deletion in the text of amendment No 31 of the following words:

'its functions in this respect to be exercised in collaboration with the Council Secretariat.'

Amendment No 31 was adopted in this form.

On subparagraph (c) of paragraph 11, the following four amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 32 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group,
— amendment No 12 by Mr Berkhouwer on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group,
— amendment No 48 by Mr Berkhouwer on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group,
— amendment No 39 by the Socialist Group.

Mr Kirk moved amendment No 32.

Mr Bertrand and Mr Kirk spoke.

Mr Berkhouwer withdrew amendment No 12.

Parliament adopted the first sentence of subparagraph (c) in the form originally proposed by the Political Affairs Committee.

Mr Bertrand and Mr Kirk spoke.

Parliament adopted the first and second indents of subparagraph (c) in the form proposed by the Political Affairs Committee; the first and second indents of amendment No 32 were considered withdrawn.

Mr Bertrand, Mr Lücker and Mr Bertrand spoke on the third indent of subparagraph (c) proposed in amendment No 32.
Mr Poher suggested that this indent should read as follows:

'— the Council proceeds to give consideration to the proposal only after having received the text of Parliament and in the light of that text'.

Sir Brandon Rhys Williams spoke.

Parliament adopted the third indent of subparagraph (c) in the form proposed by Mr Poher.

Mr. Bertrand, Mr Kirk and Mr Bertrand spoke.

Parliament adopted the fourth indent of subparagraph (c) proposed in amendment No 32.

Mr. Bertrand proposed in the light of amendments No 48 and No 39, that the word 'substantial' be deleted from the fifth indent of subparagraph (c) as proposed in amendment No 32.

Parliament adopted the fifth indent of subparagraph (c) in the form proposed by the Rapporteur; amendments No 48 and No 39 thus became void.

Parliament adopted subparagraph (c) of paragraph 11 as modified in the course of the vote.

On subparagraph (d) of paragraph 11, the Socialist Group had tabled amendment No 47, which Mr Corterier now moved.

Amendment No 47 was adopted.

Parliament adopted subparagraph (d) accordingly modified.

Parliament adopted subparagraph (e).

On subparagraph (f) of paragraph 11, the following two amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 9 by Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats,

— amendment No 33 by Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

Mr de la Malène moved amendment No 9 and Mr Kirk amendment No 33.

Amendment No 9 was rejected.

Amendment No 33 was adopted.

Parliament adopted subparagraph (f) accordingly modified.

Parliament adopted paragraph 11, accordingly modified.

On the subparagraph preceding paragraph 12 under the heading 'The European Parliament' Mr Kirk had tabled amendment No 34 on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Amendment No 34 was adopted.

Parliament adopted the amended subparagraph preceding paragraph 12.


On paragraph 14, Mr Kirk had tabled on behalf of the European Conservative Group amendment no 35, which he now moved.

Mr Bertrand spoke.

Mr Kirk withdrew amendment No 35.

Parliament adopted paragraph 14, then paragraph 15.

Mr Kirk and Mr Fellermaier spoke.

The sitting was suspended at 5 p.m. and resumed at 5.30 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPÉNALE

President

European Union (continued)

The following gave explanations of vote: Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Fellermaier on behalf of the Socialist Group, who requested that the vote on the motion for a resolution as a whole be taken by roll call, Mr Lücker on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Berkhouwer on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Jakobsen, Mr Broeksz and Mr Brøndlund Nielsen.

Parliament then voted by roll call on the motion for a resolution as a whole (1).

The President read out the result of the vote by roll call:

— number of members voting: 100
— in favour: 71
— against: 9
— abstentions: 20

The President established that Parliament had adopted the following resolution:

(1) See the Annex to these minutes.
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'.
Tabling of a motion for a resolution, decision on urgency and inclusion in the agenda

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution, tabled by Mr Fellermaier on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Lücke on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Durieux on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats and Mr Amendola on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the setting up of a committee on rules of procedure and petitions (Doc. 191/75).

Parliament decided to adopt urgent procedure in respect of this document and to deal with it forthwith.

The following resolution was adopted:

**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.

Tabling of a motion for a resolution, decision on urgency and inclusion in the agenda

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution, tabled by Mr Fellermaier on behalf of the Socialist Group and Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the latest terrorist attack in Jerusalem (Doc. 190/75).

Parliament decided to adopt urgent procedure in respect of this document and to deal with it forthwith.

On a proposal from its President, Parliament decided to consider this motion for a resolution together with the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Blumenfeld and others on the latest terrorist attack in Jerusalem (Doc. 188/75), in respect of which Parliament had decided to adopt urgent procedure during its sitting of Tuesday, 8 July 1975.

On the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Blumenfeld and others (Doc. 188/75), Mr Blumenfeld had tabled on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group amendment No 1, which sought to replace the entire motion for a resolution by a new text; he now moved this amendment.

Mr Stewart moved the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Fellermaier and Mr Kirk on behalf of their respective groups (Doc. 190/75).

The following spoke: Mr Scott-Hopkins on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Spicer, Mr Cheysson, Member of the Commission, Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Blumenfeld and Mr Normanton.
Mr Fellermaier proposed on behalf of the Socialist Group and the European Conservative Group that the last part of paragraph 3 of the motion for a resolution tabled by these two groups beginning 'and to ask the PLO' be deleted.

Mr Blumenfeld's amendment No 1 was rejected.

Mr Blumenfeld withdrew his original motion for a resolution (Doc. 188/75).

The following gave explanations of vote on the second motion for a resolution (Doc. 190/75): Mr Laban, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Klepsch, Mr Albers, Mr Deschamps and Mr Corona.

The deletion proposed by Mr Fellermaier was adopted.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

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.

Tabling of a motion for a resolution and decision on urgency

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution, tabled by the Communist and Allies Group, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the violation of democratic freedoms in Indonesia (Doc. 189/75).

Mr Berkhouwer and Mr Sandri spoke.

Parliament decided not to accept urgent procedure and to refer this motion for a resolution to the Political Affairs Committee.

Mr Fellermaier requested that the motion for a resolution be referred to the Political Affairs Committee.

The President noted that the motion for a resolution had been referred to this committee.

Tabling of a motion for a resolution and decision on urgency

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution, tabled by Mr Fellermaier on behalf of the Socialist Group, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the Office of the Commission of the European Communities in Santiago, Chile (Doc. 193/75).

Mr Seefeld, Mr Kirk, Mr Fellermaier and Mr Berkhouwer spoke.

Mr Fellermaier requested that the motion for a resolution be referred to the Political Affairs Committee.

The following spoke: Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, Vice-President of the Commission, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Lange and Mr Aigner.

Mr Fellermaier spoke on a question of procedure and called on the House to respect the agenda.
The following spoke: Mr Kirk, Mr Dalyell, Mr Lange, Mr de la Malène, Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Houdet and Mr Leenhardt.

Parliament adopted Mr Fellermaier's suggestion.

The sitting was suspended at 7.30 p.m. and resumed at 9.10 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPENALE
President

Change in agenda

On a proposal from Mr Kirk and after Mr Lange, Mr Aigner, Mr Battaglia, President-in-Office of the Council, Mr Lücker, Mr Dalyell, Mr Aigner, Mr Battaglia, Mr Fabbrini, Mr Knud Nielsen, Mr de la Malène, Mr Jahn, Mr Lange and Mr Battaglia had spoken, Parliament decided to consider next the Della Briotta report on wine and to examine the Lange (Doc. 166/75), Aigner (Doc. 167/75) and Aigner (Doc. 140/75) reports on Friday, 11 July 1975.

Mr Aigner and Mr Jahn spoke.

Regulations in the wine sector

Mr Libero Della Briotta introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for


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 concerning guidelines designed to balance the market in table wines (Doc. 177/75)

(Doc. 187/75).

IN THE CHAIR: MR J. SANTER
Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Lange, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mr Hansen on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Boano on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Pintat on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Scott-Hopkins on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats and Mr Lemoine.

IN THE CHAIR: MR L. MARTENS
Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Leenhardt, Mr Cipolla, Mr Lardinois, Member of the Commission, Mr Della Briotta, Mr Lange, Mr Lardinois and Mr Della Briotta.

Parliament considered next the motion for a resolution; the President proposed that for the vote, the same limitation of speaking time should apply as for the vote on the Bertrand motion for a resolution on European Union. Parliament decided to limit speaking time on amendments to three minutes.

On the motion for a resolution as a whole, the following two amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 1/rev. by Mr Boano, Mr Girardin, Mr Ligios, Mr Pisoni, Mr Rosati, Mr Noé, Mr Vernaschi, Mr Graudo, Mr Brugger, Mr Vetrone, Mr Andreotti, Mr Antoniuzzi, Mr Covelli, Mr De Sanctis, Mr Romualdi and Mr Premoli,

— amendment No 24 by Mr Cipolla, Mr Vetrone, Mrs Iotti, Mr Fabbrini, Mr Marras, Mr Concas, Mr Bersani, Mr Ligios, Mr Boano, Mr Andreotti, Mr Rosati, Mr Brugger, Mr Cifarelli and Mr Pisoni.

Mr Boano moved amendment No 1/rev.
Mr Cipolla and Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 1/rev. was rejected.
Mr Cipolla moved amendment No 24.
Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 24 was rejected.

The first four indents of the preamble were adopted.

On the fifth indent of the preamble, amendment No 2 had been tabled by Mr Ligios and Mr Vetrone.
Mr Houdet spoke.

Amendment No 2 fell as the authors were not present.

On the first recital of the preamble, Mr Liogier had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendment No 11, which he now moved.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 11 was adopted.

Parliament adopted the second and third recitals.

Mr Ligios and Mr Vetrone had tabled amendment No 3, proposing the insertion of a new recital after the third recital.

Amendment No 3 fell as the authors were not present.

Parliament adopted the fourth to the seventh recitals.

On paragraph 1, the following two amendments had been tabled:
— amendment No 31 by Mr Früh, Mr De Koning, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Martens,
— amendment No 32 by the same authors.

Mr Früh moved amendments No 31 and No 32.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 31 was adopted.

Amendment No 32 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 1, accordingly modified, then paragraphs 2 and 3.

On paragraph 4, Mr Ligios and Mr Vetrone had tabled amendment No 4.

Amendment No 4 fell as the authors were not present.

Paragraph 4 was adopted.

Mr Ligios and Mr Vetrone had tabled amendment No 5, proposing the insertion of a new paragraph after paragraph 4.

Amendment No 5 fell as the authors were not present.

On paragraph 5, the following two amendments had been tabled:
— amendment No 28 by Mr Leenhardt,
— amendment No 12 by Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats.

Mr Leenhardt moved amendment No 28 and Mr Liogier amendment No 12.

Mr Della Briotta and Mr Lardinois spoke.

Amendment No 28 was rejected.

Amendment No 12 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 5.

The following two amendments, proposing the insertion of a new paragraph after paragraph 5, had been tabled:
— amendment No 6 by Mr Ligios and Mr Vetrone,
— amendment No 8 by Mr Zeller on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture.

Amendment No 6 fell as the authors were not present.

Mr Zeller moved amendment No 8.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 8 was adopted.

On paragraph 6, Mr Zeller had tabled on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture amendment No 9, which he now moved.

Amendment No 9 was adopted.

Mr Ligios and Mr Vetrone had tabled amendment No 7, proposing the insertion of a new paragraph after paragraph 6.

Amendment No 7 fell as the authors were not present.

On paragraph 7, Mr Liogier had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendment No 13, which he now moved.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 13 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 7, then paragraphs 8 to 11.

Mr Liogier had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendment No 14, proposing the insertion of a new paragraph after paragraph 11.

Mr Liogier moved this amendment.

Mr Della Briotta and Mr Lardinois spoke.

Amendment No 14 was adopted.
On paragraph 12, Mr Leenhardt had tabled amendment No 29, which he now moved.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 29 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 12, then paragraphs 13 and 14.

On paragraph 15, Mr Zeller had tabled on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture amendment No 10, which he now moved.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 10 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 15, accordingly modified.

On paragraph 16, the following two amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 33 by Mr Früh, Mr De Koning, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Martens,
— amendment No 34 by the same authors.

Mr Früh moved amendments No 33 and No 34.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendments No 33 and No 34 were adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 16, accordingly modified, then paragraphs 17 and 18.

Mr Liogier had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendment No 15, proposing the insertion of a new paragraph after paragraph 18.

Mr Liogier moved this amendment.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 15 was rejected.

On paragraph 19, Mr Liogier had tabled amendment No 16, which he now withdrew.

Parliament adopted paragraph 19.

On paragraph 20, the following two amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 17 by Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats,
— amendment No 25 by Mr Laban.

Mr Liogier withdrew amendment No 17.

Mr Laban moved amendment No 25.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 25 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 20, accordingly modified, then paragraph 21.

Mr Früh spoke.

On paragraph 22, Mr Früh, Mr De Koning, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Martens had tabled amendment No 35, which Mr Früh now moved.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 35 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 22, accordingly modified.

On paragraph 23, the following two amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 30 by Mr Leenhardt,
— amendment No 18 by Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats.

Mr Liogier moved amendment No 18 and Mr Leenhardt amendment No 30.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 30 was rejected.

Amendment No 18 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 23, then paragraphs 24 and 25.

On paragraph 26, Mr Früh, Mr De Koning, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Martens had tabled amendment No 36, which Mr Früh now moved.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 36 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 26, accordingly modified.

On paragraph 27, Mr Früh, Mr de Koning, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Martens had tabled amendment No 37, which Mr Früh now moved.

Mr Della Briotta, Mr Lardinois and Mr Früh spoke.

Amendment No 37 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 27.

On paragraph 28, Mr Liogier had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendment No 19, which he now moved.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.
Amendment No 19 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 29.

On paragraph 29, the following two amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 20 by Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats,

— amendment No 38 by Mr Klepsch, Mr Frehsee, Mrs Orth, Mr Früh, Mr De Koning, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Martens.

Mr Liogier moved amendment No 20 and Mr Klepsch amendment No 38.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 20 was rejected.

Amendment No 38 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 29, accordingly modified, then paragraphs 30 to 33.

On paragraph 34, Mr Laban had tabled amendment No 26, which he now moved.

Mr Della Briotta and Mr Lardinois spoke.

Amendment No 26 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 34.

On paragraph 35, Mr Laban had tabled amendment No 27, which he now withdrew.

Parliament adopted paragraph 35, then paragraph 36.

On paragraph 37, Mr Liogier had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendment No 21, which he now moved.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 21 was adopted.

Paragraph 37, accordingly modified, was adopted.

On paragraph 38, Mr Liogier had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendment No 22, which he now moved.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 22 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 38, then paragraphs 39 to 41.

On paragraph 42, Mr Liogier had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendment No 23, which he now moved.

Mr Della Briotta spoke.

Amendment No 23 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 42, then paragraphs 43 and 44.

Mr Noè spoke.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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


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),

(1) OJ No C 31, 8. 2. 1975, p. 3.
— 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 (1) 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 (2), 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,

— 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 are for every one and a half ares 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.

Mr Lardinois, Member of the Commission, spoke.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Friday, 11 July 1975:

9.30 a.m. to 12 noon:
— Joint debate on
   — the Lange report on budgetary procedure and
   — the Aigner report on the Court of Auditors;
— Aigner report on the ECSC Auditor's report for 1973;
— Interim report by Mr Hougardy on savings (without debate);
— Jahn report on the Eighth General Report;
— Oral question with debate to the Commission on bird protection.

The sitting was closed at 1.40 a.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Jacques SANTER
Vice-President
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Result of the vote by roll call

In favour: Mr Achenbach, Mr Aigner, Mr Arzinger, Mr Bayerl, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Alfred Bertrand, Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Boano, Mr Carpentier, Mr Concas, Mr Corona, Mr Corrie, Mr Corrierie, Mr de Keersmaeker, Mr Della Briotta, Mr De Sanctis, Mr Deschamps, Mr Didier, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Fläming, Mr Frehsee, Mr Früh, Mr Geurtsen, Mr Giraudo, Mr Hansen, Mr Jahn, Mr Jakobsen, Lord Gladwyn, Mrs Keller-Bowman, Mr Kirk, Mr Klepsch, Mr Kofoed, Mr Lange, Mr Lautenschlager, Mr Leenhardt, Mr Lenihan, Mr Liogier, Mr Liicker, Mr de la Malène, Mr Martens, Mr Memmel, Mr Willi Müller, Mr Emile Muller, Mr Mursch, Mr Ney, Mr Noë, Mr Normanton, Mrs Ort, Mr Osborn, Mr Pêtre, Mr Pintat, Mr Poher, Lord Reay, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr Rivieres, Mr Rosati, Lord St Oswald, Mr Santer, Mr Schmidt, Mr Schwabe, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Seefeld, Mr Shaw, Mr Spicer, Mr Springorum, Mr Suck, Mr Terrenoire, Mr Vandewiele, Mr Walkhoff, Mr Zeller, Mr Spénale.

Against: Mr Espersen, Mr Fabbrini, Mrs Kruchow, Mr Lemoine, Mr Leonardi, Mr Maigaard, Mr Knud Nielsen, Mr Sandri, Mr Thornley.

Abstentions: Mr Albers, Lord Ardwick, Mr Broeks, Lord Bruce, Lord Castle, Mr Dalvall, Mr Ellis, Mr Evans, Lady Fisher, Lord Gordon-Walker, Mr Hamilton, Mr Van der Hek, Mr Hughes, Mr Laban, Mr Mitchell, Mr Bronndlund Nielsen, Mr Nyborg, Mr Prescott, Mr Stewart, Lord Walston.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, 11 JULY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR J. SANTER
Vice-President

The sitting was opened at 9.35 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received from the Council of the European Communities a request for an Opinion on:

the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

I. a Regulation amending Regulation No 120/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in cereals

II. a Regulation amending Regulation No 359/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in rice

(Doc. 192/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The President also announced that he had received from the Commission of the European Communities the report of the ECSC Auditor for the financial year 1974 (Doc. 195/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets.

Transfers of appropriations in the 1975 budget

The President announced that he had informed the Council of the European Communities that the Committee on Budgets had delivered a favourable Opinion on the proposal for a transfer of
appropriations from one chapter to another within Section II 'Council', Annex I — Economic and Social Committee — of the general budget for the 1975 financial year and on the proposals for transfers C3 and C4.

Reference to committee
The President announced that the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Cointat, Mr Herbert, Mr Liogier and Mr Nyborg on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure, on the peripheral coastal regions of the European Community (Doc. 162/75) had been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport.

Tabling of a motion for a resolution, decision on urgency and inclusion in the agenda
The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution, tabled by Mr Fellermaier on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Lücker on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Brandlund Nielsen on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats and Mr Fabbrini on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, amending the resolution of 12 March 1973 on the number and composition of committees (Doc. 194/75).

Parliament decided to adopt urgent procedure in respect of this motion and to deal with it immediately.

The following resolution was adopted:

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.

Membership of committees
On a proposal from the enlarged Bureau, Parliament decided to amend the composition of its committees as follows:

Political Affairs Committee
Delete: Mr McDonald, Mr Rivierez;
Add: Lord Castle, Mr Mitchell, Mr Stewart, Lord Gladwyn;

Legal Affairs Committee
Delete: Mr Springorum;
Add: Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams;

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
Delete: Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Dykes, Mr Vetrone;
Add: Lord Ardwick, Lord Gordon-Walker, Mr Prescott;

Committee on Budgets
Delete: Mr Vernaschi;
Add: Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Dalyell, Lord Bessborough;

Committee on Social Affairs and Employment
Delete: Sir Brandon Rhys Williams;
Add: Mr Howell, Mr Prescott, Mr Stewart;
Committee on Agriculture
Add: Mrs Dunwoody, Mr Hughes, Lord Walston, Mr McDonald, Mr Marras, one seat for the Socialist Group;

Committee on Regional Policy and Transport
Delete: Lord Bessborough, Mr Marras, Mr Scholten;
Add: Mr Ellis, Mr Evans, Mr Hamilton, Mr Osborn;

Committee on Public Health and the Environment
Delete: Mr Jakobsen, Mr Marras;
Add: Mr Evans, Lady Fisher of Rednal;

Committee on Energy, Research and Technology
Delete: Mr Guldberg, Mr Martens, Mr Knud Nielsen;
Add: Mr Dalyell, Mr Ellis, Mr Hamilton;

Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth
Delete: Mr Howell, Mr Terrenoire;
Add: Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Lord Ardwick, Lady Fisher of Rednal, Mr Mitchell;

Committee on External Economic Relations
Delete: Lord St Oswald, Lord Bethell, Mr Krieg;
Add: Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Barnett, Lord Castle, Mr Dykes;

Committee on Development and Cooperation
Delete: Mr Schwö rer, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Mr Osborn, Mr Broeksz;
Add: Miss Boothroyd, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Lord Walston, Lord St Oswald;

Associations Committee
Delete: Mr d'Angelosante, Mr Scott-Hopkins;
Add: Mr Barnett, Mr Hughes, Mr Jakobsen;

Committee on Rules of Procedure and Petitions
Add: Mr Berkhouwer, Mr d'Angelosante, Mr Krieg, Mr Martens, Mr Memmel, Mr Brøndlund Nielsen, Mr Rivierez, Mr Schuijt, Mr Vernaschi, Sir Derek Walker-Smith, seven seats for the Socialist Group, one seat for the Christian-Democratic Group.

Draft Treaty amending certain financial provisions of the Treaties

The next item on the agenda was the joint debate on two reports concerning new budgetary provisions.

Mr Erwin Lange introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, 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: budgetary procedure — (Doc. 501/74 — (Doc. 166/75).

Mr Heinrich Aigner spoke on the Lange report and then introduced his own report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, 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: establishment of a European Court of Auditors — (Doc. 501/74) — (Doc. 167/75).

The following spoke: Mr Kirk, Draftsman of the Opinion of the Political Affairs Committee, Mr Berkhouwer on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Shaw on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Artzinger on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Hamilton on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Knud Nielsen, Mr Dalyell, Mr Lange, Mr Cheysson, Member of the Commission, Mr Lange and Mr Aigner.

The President declared the debate closed.

Parliament considered next the motion for a resolution contained in the Lange report (Doc. 166/75); the preamble and paragraphs 1 to 6 were adopted.

On the heading of Title II, Mr de la Malène had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendment No 1, and on the heading of Title III Mr de la Malène had tabled on behalf of the same group amendment No 2.

Mr Shaw took over the two amendments.

Mr Lange and Mr Shaw spoke.

Amendment No 1 was rejected.

Amendment No 2 consequently became void.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 7 to 9.

On paragraph 10, Mr de la Malène had tabled amendment No 3 on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats.
Amendment No 3 fell as the author was not present.

Parliament adopted paragraph 10, then paragraphs 11 to 20.

On paragraphs 21 and 22, Mr de la Malène had tabled amendment No 5 on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats.

Amendment No 5 fell as the author was not present.

Parliament adopted paragraph 21 and 22, then paragraphs 23 to 28. On paragraph 29, the following two amendments had been tabled:

— amendment No 4 by Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats,
— amendment No 6 by Mr Shaw.

Mr Shaw moved amendment No 6.

Amendment No 4 fell as the author was not present.

Mr Lange and Mr Shaw spoke.

Amendment No 6 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 29, then paragraphs 30 and 31.

The following resolution was adopted:

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;

(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

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 (*) 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;

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. Expect 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.
I. FINANCIAL AUTONOMY OF THE COMMUNITIES

Article 201 EEC

The Commission shall examine the conditions under which the financial contributions of Member States provided for in Article 200 could be replaced by the Community's own resources, in particular by revenue accruing from the Common Customs Tariff when it has been finally introduced.

To this end, the Commission shall submit proposals to the Council.

After consulting the Assembly on these proposals the Council may, acting unanimously, lay down the appropriate provisions, which it shall recommend to the Member States for adoption in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements.

Article 201 EEC

The Commission shall examine in what manner new own resources could be raised for the benefit of the Communities.

In every fifth year the Council, after receiving a report from the Commission and consulting the Parliament shall examine whether and in what manner new resources should be introduced for the Community.

The Parliament acting on a proposal from the Commission, and after the Council has given its unanimous assent, may, by a majority of its members and of three-fifths of the votes cast, amend the upper limit for existing resources or make provision for new resources for the Community.

Article 10(a)

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(1) Doc. 167/75, report by Mr Aigner.
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3. The Commission shall place the preliminary draft budget before the Council not later than 1 September of the year preceding in which the budget is to be implemented.

The Council shall consult the Commission and, where appropriate, the other institutions concerned whenever it intends to depart from the preliminary draft budget.

The Council shall, acting by a qualified majority, establish the draft budget and forward it to the Assembly.

4. The draft budget shall be placed before the Assembly not later than 5 October of the year preceding in which the budget is to be implemented.

The Assembly shall have the right to amend the draft budget, acting by a majority of its members, and to propose to the Council, acting by an absolute majority of the votes cast, modifications to the draft budget relating to expenditure necessarily resulting from this Treaty or from Acts adopted in accordance therewith.

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If, within 45 days of the draft budget being placed before it, the Assembly has given its approval, the budget shall stand as finally adopted. If within this period the Assembly has not amended the draft budget or proposed any modifications thereto, the budget shall be deemed to be finally adopted.

If within this period the Assembly has adopted amendments or proposed modifications, the draft budget together with the amendments or proposed modifications shall be forwarded to the Council.

5. After discussing the draft budget with the Commission and, where appropriate, with the other institutions concerned, the Council may, acting by a qualified majority, modify any of the amendments adopted by the Assembly and shall pronounce, also by a qualified majority, on the modifications proposed by the latter. The draft budget shall be modified on the basis of the proposed modifications accepted by the Council.

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5. After discussing the draft budget with the Commission and, where appropriate, with the other institutions concerned, the Council shall act under the following conditions:

(a) The Council may, acting by a qualified majority, modify any of the amendments adopted by the Assembly;

(b) With regard to the proposed modifications:
Where a proposal for a modification presented by the Parliament does not have the effect of increasing the total amount of the expenditure of an institution, owing in particular to the fact that the increase in expenditure which it would involve would be expressly compensated by one or more proposed modifications correspondingly reducing expenditure, the Council may, acting by a qualified majority, reject the proposed modification. In the absence of a decision to reject it, the proposed modification shall stand as accepted.

Where a proposal for a modification presented by the Parliament has the effect of increasing the total amount of the expenditure of an institution the Council may reject such proposed modification. In the absence of such a decision to reject it, the proposed modification shall be accepted.

Where, in pursuance of the second or third subparagraphs of this paragraph, a proposed modification has been rejected, the Council may, acting by a qualified majority, either retain the amount shown in the draft budget or fix another amount.

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If within this period the Parliament has not acted, the budget, including that decision, shall be deemed to be finally adopted.

7. When the procedure provided for in this Article has been completed, the President of the Assembly shall declare that the budget has been finally adopted.

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None.

8. However, the Parliament, acting by a majority of its members and two-thirds of the votes cast, may reject the draft budget and ask for a new draft to be submitted to it, if there are substantial reasons for such rejection.

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9. A maximum rate of increase in relation to the expenditure of the same type to be incurred during the current year shall be fixed annually for the total expenditure other than that necessarily resulting from this Treaty or from Acts adopted in accordance therewith.

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The maximum rate shall be communicated, before 1 May, to all the institutions of the Community. The latter shall be required to conform to this during the budgetary procedure, subject to the provisions of the fourth and fifth subparagraphs of this paragraph.

If, in respect of expenditure other than that necessarily resulting from this Treaty or from Acts adopted in accordance therewith, the actual rate of increase in the draft budget established by the Council is over half the maximum rate, the Assembly may, exercising its right of amendment, further increase the total amount of that expenditure to a limit not exceeding half the maximum rate.

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the procedure laid down in this
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votes cast.

9. Each institution shall exercise
the powers conferred upon it by this
Article, with due regard for the
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10. (unchanged)

11. Final adoption of the
administrative budget shall have the
effect of authorizing and requiring
the High Authority to collect the
corresponding revenue in accordance
with the provisions of Article 49 (1).

11. (unchanged)

(1) Paragraph 11 relates only to Article
78 of the ECSC Treaty.
### III. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### Article 204 EEC

If, at the beginning of a financial year, the budget has not yet been voted, a sum equivalent to not more than one-twelfth of the budget appropriations for the preceding financial year may be spent each month in respect of any chapter or other subdivision of the budget in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations made pursuant to Article 209; this arrangement shall not, however, have the effect of placing at the disposal of the Commission appropriations in excess of one-twelfth of those provided for in the draft budget in course of preparation.

The Council may, acting by a qualified majority, provided that the other conditions laid down in the first paragraph are observed, authorize expenditure in excess of one-twelfth.

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#### Article 13

Article 204 of the EEC Treaty shall be replaced by the following provisions:

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The Council may, acting by a qualified majority, provided that the other conditions laid down in the first paragraph are observed, authorize expenditure in excess of one-twelfth.

If this decision relates to expenditure which does not necessarily result from this Treaty or from Acts adopted in accordance therewith, the Council shall forward it immediately to the Assembly; within 30 days the
Parliament, acting by a majority of its members and three fifths of the votes cast, may adopt a different decision. The decision of the Council shall be suspended pending the decision of the Parliament or the expiry of the said period.

Assembly, acting by a majority of its members and three fifths of the votes cast, may adopt a different decision on the expenditure in excess of the one-twelfth referred to in the first subparagraph. This part of the decision of the Council shall be suspended until the Assembly has taken its decision. If within the period the Assembly has not taken a decision which differs from the decision of the Council, the latter shall be deemed to be finally adopted.

Member States shall pay every month, on a provisional basis and in accordance with the scales laid down for the preceding financial year, the amounts necessary to ensure application of this Article.

Member States shall pay every month, on a provisional basis, and in accordance with the rules laid down in this respect in the financial Regulation, the amounts necessary to ensure application of this Article.

The decisions referred to in the second and third subparagraphs shall lay down the necessary measures relating to resources to ensure application of this Article.

Articles 14 to 17 are not reproduced in this document since they deal mainly with discharge problems. They appear in a separate document (1).

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**Article 209 EEC**

The Council shall, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission:

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**Article 209 EEC**

The Council shall, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission and with the assent of the Parliament:

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**Article 209**

The Council, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the Assembly and obtaining the Opinion of the Court of Auditors, shall

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(1) Doc. 167/75, report by Mr. Aigner.
(a) make financial Regulations specifying in particular the procedure to be adopted for establishing and implementing the budget and for presenting and auditing the accounts;

(b) determine the methods and procedure whereby the contributions of Member States shall be made available to the Commission;

(c) lay down rules concerning the responsibility of authorising officers and accounting officers and concerning appropriate arrangements for inspection.

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(b) determine the methods and procedure whereby in exceptional and duly justified cases the contributions of Member States shall be made available to the Commission; it shall determine, in particular, the methods and procedures whereby financial contributions from the Member States may be made available to the Commission in the form of advances from the exchequer in the event of emergencies;

(c) lay down rules concerning the responsibility of authorising officers and accounting officers and concerning appropriate arrangements for inspection.

(a) (unchanged)

(b) (unchanged)

(c) (unchanged)

Chapter III, 'Provisions amending the Treaty establishing the EAEC', Articles 19 to 26, has not been reproduced. The Articles are the same as those of the EEC Treaty given above.

Chapter IV, 'Provisions amending the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities', Article 27, has not been reproduced since it deals with the Court of Auditors. It appears in a separate document (1).

Chapter V — Final provisions

Article 28 deals with the Court of Auditors and therefore appears in a separate report (1).

Articles 29 to 31: unchanged

(1) Doc. 167/75, report by Mr. Aigner.
Parliament considered next the motion for a resolution contained in the Aigner report (Doc. 167/75); the preamble and paragraphs 1 to 5 were adopted.

On paragraph 6, the following two amendments had been tabled:
— amendment No 1 by Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats,
— amendment No 2 by Mr Shaw.

Amendment No 1 fell as the author was not present.

Mr Shaw withdrew amendment No 2.

Parliament adopted paragraph 6, then paragraph 7.

The following resolution was adopted:

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.
CHAPTER I

Provisions amending the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, Articles 1 to 10, is not dealt with here. These Articles correspond to the following Articles of the EEC Treaty (1)

CHAPTER II

Provisions amending the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community

Article 11

After Article 4 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, the following paragraph is added:

3. The audit shall be carried out by a Court of Auditors acting within the limits of the powers conferred upon it by this Treaty.

Articles 12 and 13, on the budgetary procedure, are dealt with in a separate report (2)

(1) It will be noted that the new Article 78f of the ECSC Treaty — which corresponds to the new Article 206a of the EEC Treaty — includes an extra paragraph 3 which takes into account the distinction within the ECSC between administrative and other expenditure. As a result, Article 78e on the ECSC Auditor would be deleted, since these duties would be assigned to the Court of Auditors. However, ECSC banking operations would be dealt with in a special report drawn up by the Court of Auditors and forwarded to Parliament.

The paragraph, which is worded as follows, has not been amended by Parliament:

'The Court of Auditors shall also draw up a separate annual report stating whether the accounting other than that for the expenditure and revenue referred to in paragraph 1 and the financial management by the High Authority relating thereto have been effected in a regular manner. It shall draw up this report within six months of the end of the financial year to which the accounts refer and shall submit it to the High Authority and the Council. The High Authority shall forward it to the Assembly.'

(2) Doc. 166/75, Lange report.
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2. The members of the Court of Auditors shall be chosen from amongst persons who act or have acted in a similar capacity and whose independence is beyond doubt.

3. The members of the Court of Auditors shall be chosen from amongst persons who belong or have belonged in their respective countries to external audit bodies or who are especially qualified for this office. Their independence must be beyond doubt.

   (This subparagraph has not been accepted by the Council.)

4. The members of the Court of Auditors shall be appointed for a term of six years by the Council, acting unanimously and in agreement with the Assembly.

   However, when the first appointments are made, four members of the Court of Auditors, chosen by lot, shall be appointed for a term of office of four years only.

   The members of the Court of Auditors shall be eligible for reappointment.

   They shall elect the President of the Court of Auditors from among their number for a term of three years. He may be re-elected.

5. The members of the Court of Auditors shall, in the general interest of the Communities, be completely independent in the performance of their duties.

   In the performance of these duties they shall neither seek nor take instructions from any institution, government, or from any other body. They shall refrain from any action incompatible with their duties.

6. The members of the Court of Auditors may not, during their term of office, engage in any other occupation, whether gainful or not. When entering upon their duties they shall give a solemn undertaking that, both during and after their term of office, they will respect the obligations arising therefrom and in particular their duty to behave with integrity and discretion as regards the acceptance, after they have ceased to hold office, of certain appointments or benefits.
6. Apart from normal replacement, or death, the duties of a member of the Court of Auditors shall end when he resigns or is compulsorily relieved by a finding of the Court of Justice pursuant to paragraph 7.

The vacancy thus caused shall be filled for the remainder of the member's term of office. The Council may, acting unanimously and after the Parliament has given its assent, decide that such a vacancy need not be filled.

Save in the case of compulsory retirement under the provisions of paragraph 7, the members of the Court of Auditors shall remain in office until they have been replaced.

7. A member of the Court of Auditors may be deprived of his office or of his right to a pension or other benefits in its stead only if the Court of Justice, on application by the Court of Auditors itself finds that he no longer fulfils the requisite conditions or meets the obligations arising from his office.

7. Apart from normal replacement, or death, the duties of a member of the Court of Auditors shall end when he resigns, or is compulsorily retired by a ruling of the Court of Justice pursuant to paragraph 8.

The vacancy thus caused shall be filled for the remainder of the member's term of office. (Second sentence not accepted by the Council.)

Save in the case of compulsory retirement, members of the Court of Auditors shall remain in office until they have been replaced.

8. A member of the Court of Auditors may be deprived of his office or of his right to a pension or other benefits in its stead only if the Court of Justice on application by the Court of Auditors, finds that he no longer fulfils the requisite conditions or meets the obligations arising from his office.

8. unchanged

The Council, acting by a qualified majority and after consulting the Assembly, shall determine the conditions of employment of the President and the members of the Court of Auditors and in particular their salaries, allowances and pensions. It shall also, by the same majority, determine any payment to be made instead of remuneration.

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10. The provisions of the protocol on the privileges and immunities of the European Communities applicable to the Judges of the Court of Justice shall also apply to the members of the Court of Auditors.

10. unchanged
**Article 22b of the Merger Treaty**

The Court of Auditors shall act by a majority of the number of members provided for in Article 22a.

(See Article 206a (4) paragraph 3 below.)

**Article 16**

The following provisions shall be added to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community:

**Article 22c of the Merger Treaty**

The Court of Auditors shall examine the accounts of all the revenue and expenditure of the institutions of the Communities entered in the budget. It shall also examine the accounts of all bodies set up by the Communities in accordance with the relevant constitutive instrument.

The purpose of the audit, which shall be based on records and if necessary, performed on the spot at the premises of the institutions of the Communities and in the Member States, shall be to establish that all revenue has been received and all expenditure incurred in a lawful and regular manner and that the financial management has been sound.

Without prejudice to its other duties laid down in its Statute or in the financial Regulation, the Court of Auditors, after the close of each financial year, shall draw up a report. The report shall be sent to the institutions of the Communities and published.

**Article 206a**

1. The Court of Auditors shall examine the accounts of all revenue and expenditure of the Community. It shall also examine the accounts of all revenue and expenditure of all bodies set up by the Community in so far as the relevant constituent instrument does not preclude such examination.

2. The Court of Auditors shall examine whether all revenue has been received and all expenditure incurred in a lawful and regular manner and whether the financial management has been sound.

The audit of revenue shall be carried out on the basis both of the amounts established as due and the amounts actually paid to the Community.

The audit of expenditure shall be carried out on the basis both of commitments undertaken and payments made.

These audits may be carried out before the closure of accounts for the financial year in question.

**Article 16**

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**Article 206a**

1. The Court of Auditors shall examine all revenue and expenditure of all bodies set up by the Community in so far as the relevant constituent instrument does not preclude this audit.

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COMMISSION'S AMENDED PROPOSAL

The Court of Auditors is available at all times to assist and advise the institutions in the exercise of their power. This applies in particular to the powers of control exercised by the Parliament.

COUNCIL DRAFT

3. The audit shall be based on records and, if necessary, performed on the spot in the institutions of the Community and in the Member States. In the Member States the audit shall be carried out in liaison with the national audit bodies or, if these do not have the necessary powers, with the competent national departments. These bodies or departments shall inform the Court of Auditors whether they intend to take part in the audit.

The institutions of the Community and the national audit bodies or, if these do not have the necessary powers, the competent national departments, shall forward to the Court of Auditors, at its request, any document or information necessary to carry out its task.

4. The Court of Auditors shall draw up an annual report after the close of each financial year. It shall be forwarded to the institutions of the Community and shall be published, together with the replies of these institutions to the observations of the Court of Auditors, in the 'Official Journal of the European Communities'.

The Court of Auditors may also, at any time, submit observations on specific questions and deliver Opinions at the request of one of the institutions of the Community.

It shall adopt its annual reports or Opinions by a majority of its members.

It shall assist the Assembly and the Council in exercising their powers of control over the implementation of the budget.

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3. The audit shall be based both on records, and, as required, performed on the spot in the institutions of the Community and in the Member States.

In the Member States, the audit will be carried out with the help of the national audit bodies or if these do not have the necessary powers, with that of the competent national departments. These bodies or departments shall inform the Court of Auditors whether they intend to take part in the audit.

The institutions of the Community and the national audit bodies or the competent national departments and, in the event of an on-the-spot audit, the body being examined shall forward to the Court of Auditors, at its request, any document or information necessary to carry out its task.

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Article 22d of the Merger Treaty

A provisional Statute shall be adopted by the Council, acting unanimously and with the assent of the Parliament after having obtained the Opinion of the Control Committee, on a proposal from the Commission.

A year after its establishment the Court of Auditors, acting by a two-thirds majority, shall prepare a draft for a definitive Statute. This Statute shall be adopted by the Council, acting unanimously and with the assent of the Parliament after having obtained the Opinion of the Commission. The Statute shall determine in particular the relations between the Court of Auditors and national bodies with equivalent functions, and its relations with the Parliament.

(Article 206, second paragraph, EEC Treaty)

The Parliament, acting upon a recommendation from the Council, shall give a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the Budget. To this end, the report of the Court of Auditors of the European Communities together with the observations of the institutions, shall be examined in turn by the Council, which shall act by a qualified majority, and by the Parliament.

(Article 206b)

The Assembly, acting on a recommendation from the Council, which shall act by a qualified majority, shall give a discharge to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget. To this end, the Council and the Assembly shall examine the accounts and the financial statement referred to in Article 205 a and the annual report by the Court of Auditors together with the replies of the institutions under audit to the observations of the Court of Auditors.

(Article 17)

The following provisions shall be added to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community:

(Article 17)

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The time limits for the submission of the accounts and the financial statement and the report of the Court of Auditors shall be laid down in the financial Regulation.

Article 18 on the budgetary procedure is dealt with in a separate report (1).

CHAPTER III

Provisions amending the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, Articles 19 to 26 is not dealt with here. These Articles correspond to the following Articles of the EEC Treaty.

CHAPTER IV

Provisions amending the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities

Article 27

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Article 22 of the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities shall be replaced by the following:

Article 22

1. The powers and jurisdiction conferred upon the Court of Auditors by Article 78e of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, by Article 206 of the Treaty

(1) Doc. 166/75, Lange report.
establishing the European Economic Community, and by Article 180 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community shall be exercised in accordance with those Treaties by a single Court of Auditors of the European Communities constituted as provided in these Articles.

2. Without prejudice to the powers and jurisdiction referred to in paragraph 1, the Court of Auditors of the European Communities shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred, before the entry into force of this Treaty, upon the Audit Board of the European Communities and upon the Auditor of the European Coal and Steel Community under the conditions laid down in the various instruments referring to the Audit Board and to the Auditor. In all these instruments the words 'Audit Board' and 'Auditor' shall be replaced by the words 'Court of Auditors'.

CHAPTER V

Final provisions

Article 16 of the draft Treaty

The terms of office of the members of the Audit Board of the European Communities shall expire upon the date of appointment of the members of the Court of Auditors of the European Communities. The members shall be appointed upon the entry into force of this Treaty.

Article 28

1. The members of the Court of Auditors shall be appointed upon the entry into force of this Treaty.

2. The terms of office of the members of the Audit Board and that of the Auditor shall expire
The Council, acting unanimously, shall settle the financial arrangements for those members of the Audit Board who, their terms of office having expired pursuant to the preceding subparagraph, are not appointed members of the Court of Auditors.

on the day they submit their report on the financial year preceding that in which the members of the Court of Auditors are appointed; their powers of audit shall be confined to operations relating to that financial year.

Articles 29 to 31 — unchanged
Report of the ECSC Auditor for 1973

Mr Heinrich Aigner introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the report of the ECSC Auditor for the financial year 1973 — (Doc. 266/74) — (Doc. 140/75).

The following spoke: Mr Cheysson, Member of the Commission, Mr Dalyell, Mr Cheysson and Mr Dalyell.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

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 reimbued 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.

Index-linking of savings

Parliament approved without debate the following resolution contained in the interim report by Mr Norbert Hougardy, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the index-linking of savings (Doc. 165/75):

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.
Eighth General Report on the Activities of the European Communities

Mr Hans Edgar Jahn introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, on those parts of the Eighth General Report on the Activities of the European Communities which fall within the terms of reference of that committee — (Doc. 500/74) — (Doc. 149/75).

Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, Vice-President of the Commission, spoke.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

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.

Oral question with debate: Inadequate EEC bird-protection measures

Mr Jahn spoke on the oral question with debate which he had put, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, to the Commission of the European Communities, on inadequate EEC bird-protection measures (Doc. 153/75).

Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, Vice-President of the Commission, answered the question.

The President declared the debate closed.

Dates for next part-session

On a proposal from the enlarged Bureau, Parliament decided to hold its next part-session in Luxembourg from 22 to 26 September 1975.

Adjournment of session

The President declared the session of the European Parliament adjourned.

Approval of minutes

Pursuant to Rule 17 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, Parliament approved the minutes of proceedings of that day’s sitting.

The sitting was closed at 12.50 p.m.