

RESOLUTION

**of the Council and the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting
within the Council**

of 13 February 1989

on the new developments in Community cooperation on civil protection

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THE COUNCIL AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES, MEETING
WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

Recalling their resolution of 25 June 1987 on the intro-
duction of Community cooperation on civil protection,

Having taken note of the Commission communication
on the new developments in Community cooperation on
civil protection,

Having regard to the initial results obtained from
implementation of the said resolution and the application
of the initial measures decided, within that framework,

Convinced that to continue this action and to launch
new initiatives, at Community level, for a whole series of
sectors linked with protection of people and property,
and with assistance and solidarity in the event of serious
crises, or natural or man-made disasters, would do more
to advance a people's Europe,

Convinced that the action taken in response to the
abovementioned resolution of 25 June 1987 has provided
the starting point for more rational and coordinated
handling of crisis situations arising from disasters which
can be on a scale beyond the intervention capacity of the
Member State concerned.

Convinced that new initiatives and appropriate measures
in this field would also promote the coordination and
integration of present knowledge and of existing
scientific and technical means and facilities, with more
effective mobilization of human resources,

Emphasizing that the new measures envisaged do not
interfere with Member States' preparation or
management of emergency plans for dealing with
disasters,

Whereas a certain number of risks, including nuclear
risks, will continue to be covered by their own special
procedures;

Whereas it is desirable, by way of more effective
protection, to introduce a single additional emergency
telephone number as called for in the guidelines set out
by the Council on 30 June 1988;

Whereas the possibilities offered by recent developments
in telecommunications should be exploited for civil
protection purposes;

Convinced of the need to conduct extensive civil-
protection information campaigns;

1. TAKE NOTE of the work done by the Commission, in
liaison with the Member States, on drawing up an
inventory of data banks concerning civil protection
and systems used;
2. AGREE to encourage a better exchange of the infor-
mation contained in the data banks existing in the
Member States;
3. TAKE NOTE of the Commission's intention of
assessing in cooperation with national experts, within
the next 12 months at most, Member States' needs
with particular reference to the feasibility of a system
for interconnecting data banks as described in its
communication. If appropriate, subject to further
referral to the Council, a pilot scheme concerning the
organization of a common response to needs might be
launched;
4. CALL UPON the Commission to take steps to compile
— before 1990 — a multilingual glossary on civil
protection terminology, the need for which is
recognized not only from the technical angle (data
banks) but also in order to improve technical
communication between rescue teams called upon to
help in emergencies beyond their frontiers;
5. STRESS the desirability of a standard
Community-wide single additional emergency
telephone number which will in particular enable the
public in an emergency to call the relevant national

- emergency services, and which should be introduced gradually in the Member States;
6. AGREE that it is necessary to improve the transmission of the information needed to prevent and cope with disasters by promoting the use of advanced information and telecommunications systems and, in particular, aerospace resources. For this purpose, they support the Commission proposal to compile before the end of 1989, together with national experts, an inventory of requirements and an analysis of ways of satisfying them and to draw, from the simulation exercises planned for 1989, practical lessons as regards the most promising communication systems, also taking into account the use of satellites;
 7. SUPPORT the Commission's intention of launching a study on the feasibility and cost of an initial 12-month Community campaign (May 1990 to April 1991), to strengthen and extend public information and education in civil protection. The results of this study, including the financing of any campaign, and any proposal for action that the Commission deems it appropriate to submit, will be communicated to the Council before 1 May 1989;
 8. REQUEST the Commission to draw up within six months, a summary of all the protection measures it has taken to combat risks of fire and disaster and to ensure civil protection.
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