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## I

*(Information)*

## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1974/75 SESSION

Sittings from 13 to 15 May 1974

European Centre Kirchberg — Luxembourg

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF MONDAY, 13 MAY 1974

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. BERKHOUWER

*President*

The sitting was opened at 4.05 p.m.

**Resumption of session**

The President declared resumed the session of the European Parliament adjourned on 25 April 1974.

**Statement by the President concerning the list of attendance**

The President drew the attention of members to the measures which he had taken following certain exchanges in the enlarged Bureau concerning the list of attendance. He expressed the hope that the system of which all members had been notified in writing would prove in practice a suitable one.

**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 for:

I. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for 30 000 head of heifers and cows, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds, falling within subheading No ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff

II. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for 5 000 head of bulls, cows and heifers, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds, falling within subheading No ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff

(Doc. 69/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations

- as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for an Opinion;
- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the establishment of a European vocational training centre (Doc. 70/74).  
This document had been referred to the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth for their Opinions;
  - the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the control of carnation leaf-rollers (Doc. 77/74).  
This document had been referred to the Committee on Public Health and the Environment;
  - the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation extending the period of validity of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1174/68 of 30 July 1968 on the introduction of a system of bracket tariffs for the carriage of goods by road between Member States (Doc. 78/74).  
This document had been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport;
  - the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the customs treatment applicable to goods returned to the customs territory of the Community (Doc. 79/74).  
This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Agriculture for their Opinions;
  - the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision adopting a programme of research and education for the European Atomic Energy Community on plutonium recycling in light-water reactors (indirect nuclear project) — (Doc. 80/74).  
This document had been referred to the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its Opinion;
  - the proposal for a transfer of appropriations from Chapter 98 — Provisional appropriations not allocated to Chapter 26 — Expenditure on studies, surveys and consultations (Doc. 81/74).  
This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;
  - the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down special measures for soya beans (Doc. 88/74).  
This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;
  - the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a review of the long-term research programme (Doc. 89/74).  
This document had been referred to the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its Opinion;
  - the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation altering the intervals at which are fixed the standard values to be used in calculating financial compensation in respect of fishery products (Doc. 90/74).  
This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its Opinion;
  - the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation modifying Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 as regards the fat content of whole milk (Doc. 99/74).  
This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;
  - the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation temporarily suspending the autonomous duties in the Common Customs Tariff on a number of agricultural products (Doc. 100/74).  
This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on External Economic Relations for its Opinion;
- (b) from the Commission of the European Communities:
- the operating accounts and financial statements relating to the budget operations for the financial year 1972,
  - the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1972, and

- the report of the Audit Board on the accounts of the Euratom Supply Agency for the financial year 1972 of the European Communities  
(Doc. 74/74-I to IV).  
This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;
- (c) from the committees the following reports:
  - report by Mr Erwin Lange on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 331/73) for a Regulation on the importation free of Common Customs Tariff duties of educational, scientific and cultural materials (Doc. 72/74);
  - report by Mr Helmut Artzinger on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 28/74) for a Directive amending Article 5 (2) of the Directive of 17 July 1969 concerning indirect taxes on the raising of capital (Doc. 75/74);
  - report by Mr Helmut Artzinger on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 50/74) for a third Directive on taxes, other than turnover taxes, affecting the consumption of manufactured tobacco (Doc. 76/74);
  - report by Mr Roger Houdet on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 36/74) for a Directive on the stunning of animals before slaughter (Doc. 82/74);
  - report by Mr James Gibbons on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 13/74-I) for a Regulation on pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species (Doc. 83/74);
  - report by Mr Egbert Wieldraaijer on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment on:
    - Petition No 1/73 on the proposal for an International Charter of Migrant Workers' Rights, and
    - Petition No 1/74 on the proposals for a European Charter for Migrant Workers (Doc. 84/74);
  - report by Miss Astrid Lulling on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 349/73) for a decision on assistance from the European Social Fund to persons employed in the shipbuilding industry (Doc. 86/74);
  - the report by Mr Augusto Premoli on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 350/73) for a Directive concerning the quality required of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water in the Member States (Doc. 87/74);
  - report by Lord Lothian on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the recommendations adopted in Berlin on 28 March 1974 by the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association (Doc. 71/74) — (Doc. 91/74);
  - report by Mr Lucien Martens on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the amendments to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 59/74) for:
    - I. Regulations concerning the level of the maximum quota applicable to sugar during the 1974/75 marketing year
    - II., a Regulation supplementing Regulation No 1009/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in sugar (Doc. 92/74);
  - report by Mr Edgar Jahn on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment on the communication and the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 306/73) for a Regulation on the creation of a European foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Doc. 93/74);
  - report by Mr Luigi Marras on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment on the communication and the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 306/73)

for a Regulation on the creation of a European foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Doc. 94/74);

(d) from Mr André Rossi, *general rapporteur*, the report on the Seventh General Report of the Commission of the European Communities on the activities of the Communities in 1973 (Doc. 368/73 — (Doc. 73/74);

(e) from the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Turkey Association the recommendations adopted by this committee on 28 March 1974 in Berlin (Doc. 71/74).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations;

(f) the following Oral Questions:

— Oral Questions put by Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Mr Eisma, Mr Willi Müller, Mr Patijn, Mr Brewis and Mr Concas pursuant to Rule 47A of the Rules of Procedure for Question Time on 14 May 1974 (Doc. 85/74 and addendum);

— Oral Question with debate, put by Mr Fellermaier, Mr Van der Hek and Mr Wohlfart on behalf of the Socialist Group, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure, to the Commission of the European Communities, on Italian Government measures (Doc. 95/74);

— Oral Question with debate, put by Mr Fellermaier, Mr Van der Hek and Mr Wohlfart on behalf of the Socialist Group, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure, to the Council of the European Communities, on Italian Government measures (Doc. 96/74);

— Oral Question without debate, pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure, put by Mr Scott-Hopkins to the Commission of the European Communities on the flow of trade between Italy and the other Member States (Doc. 97/74);

— Oral Question without debate, pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure, put by Mr Früh to the Commission of the European Communities on the recent measures taken by the Italian Government (Doc. 98/74).

#### Decision on urgency

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

#### Order of business

The President pointed out that in view of the special political situation in various Member States, the enlarged Bureau had, at its meeting of 7 and 8 May 1974, considerably altered the original draft agenda for this part-session.

On a proposal from the President, and after Mr Jahn and Mr Broeks had spoken, Parliament adopted the following order of business for the present part-session:

#### *That afternoon:*

— Commission statement on action taken on the Opinions of Parliament;

— Report by Lady Elles on the protection of the European cultural heritage;

— Report by Mr Premoli on the quality of surface water;

— Report by Mr Bersani on consumer protection.

#### *Tuesday, 14 May 1974*

*9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.:*

— Question Time;

— Joint debate on four oral questions concerning Italian trade restrictions;

— General report by Mr Rossi on the Seventh General Report of the Commission for 1973.

#### *Wednesday, 15 May 1974*

*10 a.m.:*

The debate on the Oral Question concerning the Dollart nature reserve was postponed to a subsequent part-session.

— Oral Question on the protection of wild birds;

— Report by Mr Bousch on the economic situation in the Community;

— Report by Mr Della Briotta on proprietary medicinal products.

**Time limits for tabling amendments**

The President announced that, as a result of the extensive alteration of the agenda, the time limits originally laid down for tabling amendments no longer held.

**Statement by the President**

Following a letter addressed to him by Mr Houdet, *Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture*, the President announced that the report by Mr Martens on the common organization of the market in sugar (Doc. 92/74) could not be dealt with at the present part-session since the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Development and Cooperation, which had been appointed to deliver opinions on the matter, had not had sufficient time to prepare their opinions. Since the Council had requested Parliament's Opinion at too late a stage, there was no justification for declaring this report urgent, and it would therefore be debated during the first June part-session.

**Allocation of speaking time**

On a proposal from the President, Parliament decided pursuant to Rule 31 (4) of the Rules of Procedure that speaking time should be allocated as follows:

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

- 10 minutes for other speakers,
- 5 minutes for speakers on amendments.

For debates on oral questions it was decided that speaking time should be limited to:

- 10 minutes for the author, and
- 5 minutes for other speakers.

**Commission statement on action taken on the Opinions of Parliament**

Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, informed Parliament of the action taken by the Commission on the former's Opinions and proposals.

**Protection of the European cultural heritage**

Lady Elles introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth, on the motion for a resolution submitted by Mr Premoli on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group (Doc. 73/73) on measures to protect the European cultural heritage (Doc. 54/74).

The following spoke: Mr Broeksz on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Premoli on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Cifarelli and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*.

The following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

on the motion for a resolution submitted on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group on measures to protect the European cultural heritage

*The European Parliament,*

- concerned about the impoverishment of the European cultural heritage which often results both from natural causes and from human behaviour,
- aware of the need to preserve historic and artistic relics of the past and to arouse greater interest among the public in the wealth these represent for all peoples,
- having regard to the 'Declaration on European identity' adopted at Copenhagen on 14 December 1973 by the Heads of State or of Government of the countries of the Community,
- having regard to the motion for a resolution submitted by the Liberal and Allies Group (Doc. 73/73),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 54/74),

1. Points to the useful purpose served by drawing up an inventory of the European cultural heritage based on jointly-defined criteria,
2. Considers that those responsible for the education and training of young people should pay the greatest attention to the means of acquiring knowledge and appreciation by the young of cultural works, both ancient and modern;

3. Is convinced that the means of acquiring knowledge should be made available to young people as soon as possible and on a basis of equality, and that they must be taught appreciation by modern and stimulating methods;
4. Urges the Governments of the nine Member States to attach greater importance to the defence and promotion of works of culture, particularly by passing the laws and providing the funds necessary for the development of permanent education;
5. Notes the many activities undertaken at national and regional level with a view to the protection of historic monuments, buildings and sites, and urges the authorities responsible to increase further the number and scale of these activities;
6. Welcomes the organization in 1975, by the Council of Europe, of a 'European architectural-heritage year' with the title 'A future for our past';
7. Expresses satisfaction at the recent establishment, within the Commission of the European Communities, of two new administrative units: the 'Environment and consumer protection department' (responsible, amongst other important matters, for protecting the cultural heritage) and the 'Cultural problems' division;
8. Hopes that the problem of protecting the European cultural heritage and a number of other cultural problems, for which Community action is possible and desirable, will be included in the agenda for meetings of the Council of Ministers of the European Communities attended by members of the Government responsible for cultural affairs in the various Member States;
9. Asks the Commission to propose to the Council a series of concrete measures to be adopted in application of the provisions of the EEC Treaty, designed on the one hand to eliminate the administrative obstacles which still hamper the exchange of cultural works and, on the other, to eliminate the legal, administrative and social obstacles to the providing of services by cultural workers;
10. Asks the Commission to draft proposals for the Council on the harmonization of systems of taxation on cultural institutions, and on the gifts and legacies which contribute to the financing of these institutions, and in general on the harmonization of the tax arrangements which the various Member States apply to cultural goods and services;
11. Asks the Commission to propose measures to be adopted by the Council to approximate the national laws on the protection of the cultural heritage, royalties and other related intellectual property-rights;
12. Requests the Commission to propose to the Member States the setting up within the Community of a fund which would provide financial support for the most urgent work on the restoration of monuments and sites and which could be partially financed by the yield of a loan floated contemporaneously in the nine States;
13. Requests the Commission to examine means of contributing to the development of the use of nuclear techniques in the preservation of works of art;
14. Requests the Commission to submit to the Member States arrangements for cooperation in the training of specialists in the restoration of monuments and works of art;
15. Requests the Commission to propose to the Member States that they should all take measures to fight more effectively against the theft of and traffic in works of art and archeological treasures;
16. Emphasizes in this connection the moral and practical implications of ratification by all Member States of the Community of the Convention on measures to be adopted to forbid and prevent the import, export and transfer of ownership of illicitly acquired cultural goods which was adopted at the 16th session of the General Conference of UNESCO on 14 November 1970;



17. Requests the Commission to facilitate cooperation between representatives of the Member States of the Community, to ensure the adoption of common positions in the various bodies of the Council of Europe and UNESCO;

18. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the ministers responsible in the various Member States.

#### Directive on the quality required of surface water

Mr Augusto Premoli introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 350/73) for a Directive concerning the quality required of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water in the Member States (Doc. 87/74).

IN THE CHAIR: LORD BESSBOROUGH

*Vice-President*

The following spoke: Mr Jahn on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Scott-Hopkins on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Noè and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*.

The following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive concerning the quality required of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water in the Member States

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 350/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 87/74),
- conscious of the dangers of water shortages due to increased private and industrial consumption,
- concerned at the serious infections which may arise from the drinking of water,
- believing that the present Directive is intended to fill gaps in national legislations and generally improve the standards of hygiene,
- expressing the hope that the Directive be supplemented as soon as possible by a regulation on the waters of hydrographic basins providing for an interdisciplinary approach to all the related problems,

1. Approves the Directive with the following reservations:

- (a) provision must be made for the discharge of nuclear power-station wastes at a safe distance from the points of abstraction of water intended for drinking,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 44, 19. 4. 1974, p. 5.

- (b) it would be advisable to limit the level of radioactivity of such water by laying down Community standards,
  - (c) it should be stipulated that water which does not possess the minimum characteristics defined in the proposal for a Directive may not be used for drinking purposes even temporarily,
  - (d) greater stringency seems to be required in defining some of the parameters in Table A-3 (permissible levels of coliforms, streptococci, pesticides and hydrocarbons),
  - (e) the frequency of sampling must be stipulated and should be carried out at least every six months, so that natural processes, as a result of which the characteristics of the surface water have been altered, can be discerned,
  - (f) closer surveillance is needed of the level of contamination of water which is to be rendered potable and more consideration must be given to the possibility of reclamation and possible financing at Community level;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

#### Preliminary EEC programme on consumer information and protection

Mr Giovanni Bersani introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 308/73) for a preliminary Community programme for consumer information and protection (Doc. 64/74).

The following spoke: Mr Scholten on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mrs Orth on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Laudrin on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Broeksz, Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, and Mr John Hill.

The following resolution was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a preliminary Community programme for consumer information and protection

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(73) 2108 fin.),
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 308/73),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinion of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 64/74),
1. Welcomes the proposal for a preliminary programme of the Community on consumer information and protection which, if fully implemented, would considerably strengthen the position of the consumer;
  2. Considers it highly desirable for consumer organizations to be strengthened sufficiently to enable them to influence the formulation of policy with the necessary expertise;

3. Feels that financial support from public sources could be very useful in this connection, provided it did not in any way curtail the autonomy of consumer organizations;
4. Feels that specific consumer organizations are not represented strongly enough on the Consumers' Consultative Committee;
5. Requests the Commission to alter the presentation of its programme by combining chapters III and V and appending an annex indicating what the Community has achieved so far in the field of consumer protection;
6. Requests the Commission to modify or supplement its priorities on the following points:
  - *health and safety*: Community legislation in this area must be extended considerably in the next three years;
  - *unfair and deceptive commercial practices*: under this heading, mention should also be made of the conditions to be met by guarantees on consumer goods;
  - *misleading advertizing*: the requirement for advertizing to indicate the principal-objective details of the product should be formulated more positively;
  - *hire purchase and consumer credit*: a draft Directive should be submitted laying down the conditions which the corresponding contracts must satisfy (*inter alia*, amount to be paid back, duration of loan, annual interest, down-payment, penalties in the event of arrears);
  - *complaints, advice and redress*: there is a need for a Community-wide service which operates promptly and is available free of charge to everyone;
  - *consumer information and education*: there is clearly a need for a basic directive on informative labelling; in addition, regulations are required concerning the addition of directions for use or instructions for care and use (for textiles) in the language of the country of destination, and provisions prohibiting misleading packaging;
  - *consumer information and education generally*: efforts must be made to ensure that at least as much time (at comparable viewing hours) is devoted to consumer information as to television advertising; this consumer information must be objective and unprejudicial to conditions of competition;
  - *comparative testing of products*: although the Commission itself need not be active in this field, it should do everything in its power to encourage such testing;
  - *harmonization of legislation*: harmonization of the legislations of Member States in any of the abovementioned areas should be based on the most advanced legislation;
7. Requests the Commission to incorporate the above amendments in its proposal pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the Treaty;
8. 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 and Parliaments of the Member States.

**Agenda for next sitting**

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Tuesday, 14 May 1974:

9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.:

- Question Time;
- Joint debate on four oral questions concerning Italian trade restrictions;
- General report by Mr Rossi on the Seventh General Report of the Commission for 1973.

The sitting was closed at 7.30 p.m.

H. R. NORD  
*Secretary-General*

Cornelis BERKHOUWER  
*President*

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, 14 MAY 1974**

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. BERKHOUWER  
*President*

The sitting was opened at 9.35 a.m.

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes of proceedings of the previous sitting were approved.

**Documents received**

The President announced that he had received the following reports from the committees:

- report by Mr Willi Müller on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 25/74) for a resolution on the adaptation to technical progress of Directives on the protection and improvement of the environment (Doc. 101/74);
- report by Mr Vincenzo Vernaschi on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 273/72) for:
  - I. a Directive on the coordination of certain laws, regulations and administrative divisions concerning the retail sale of medicinal products by self-employed persons
  - II. a Directive concerning the attainment of freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services in respect of the retail sale of medicinal products by self-employed persons

(Doc. 102/74).

**Question Time**<sup>(1)</sup>

During Question Time, Parliament dealt with the following questions addressed to the Council and Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 85/74 and addendum):

**No 1 by Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker to the Council: Meetings of Heads of Governments of the Community**

Mr Apel, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker and Lord Chelwood.

Question Nos 2 and 3 addressed to the Commission by Mr Eisma and Mr Willi Müller respectively were postponed to the next part-session at the request of the authors.

**No 4 by Mr Patijn to the Commission: Relations between the European Community and Portugal**

Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Patijn, Mr Fellermaier and Mr Johnston.

**No 5 by Mr Brewis and No 6 by Mr Concas to the Commission: Conference on the Law of the Sea**

Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered these questions and supplementary questions put by Mr Brewis, Mr Seefeld, Mr John Hill and Mr Laban.

Lord Chelwood spoke on a question of procedure, which the President answered.

Sir Christopher Soames answered a supplementary question put by Mr Concas.

The President declared Question Time closed.

<sup>(1)</sup> For full text, see 'Debates of the European Parliament' No 176.

**Oral Questions on Italian trade restrictions**

The next item on the agenda was the joint debate on four oral questions concerning the trade-restricting measures recently taken by the Italian Government.

Mr Fellermaier spoke on the oral question with debate concerning Italian Government measures which he, Mr Van der Hek and Mr Wohlfart had put to the Commission of the European Communities on behalf

of the Socialist Group (Doc. 95/74), and on the oral question with debate on the same subject which the same authors had put to the Council of the European Communities on behalf of the Socialist Group (Doc. 96/74).

Mr Scott-Hopkins spoke on the oral question without debate concerning the flow of trade between Italy and the other Member States, which he had put to the Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 97/74).

Mr Früh spoke on the oral question without debate concerning the recent measures taken by the Italian Government, which he had put to the Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 98/74).

Mr Haferkamp, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the questions put to the Commission <sup>(1)</sup>.

Mr Apel, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, answered the question put to the Council <sup>(1)</sup>.

The following spoke: Mr Bertrand and Mr Scholten, both on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Lange on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Premoli on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Lord Reay on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Bousch on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Leonardi on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Radoux and Mr Cifarelli.

IN THE CHAIR: MR E. ARIOSTO

*Vice-President*

The following spoke: Mr Noè, Mr John Hill, Mr De Koning, Mr Brewis, Mr Bersani, Mr Normanton, Mr Concas, Mr Apel, *President-in-Office of the Council*, Mr Haferkamp, *Vice-President of the Commission*, and Mr Gundelach, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*.

The President declared the debate closed.

At the request of Mr Scott-Hopkins, Parliament decided to begin its afternoon sitting at 3 p.m.

The sitting was suspended at 1.20 p.m. and resumed at 3 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. McDONALD

*Vice-President*

### **Seventh General Report of the Commission on the activities of the Communities in 1973**

Mr Durieux, deputizing for Mr André Rossi, *general rapporteur*, introduced the report drawn up by the latter on the Seventh General Report of the

Commission of the European Communities on the activities of the Communities in 1973 (Doc. 368/73) — (Doc. 73/74).

The following spoke: Mr Van der Sanden 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 Nolan on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Leonardi on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Johnston, Mr Bersani, Mr James Hill, Mr Maigaard on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group and Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker.

IN THE CHAIR: MR P. DALSAGER

*Vice-President*

The following spoke: Mr Cifarelli, Mr Normanton and Mr Ortoli, *President of the Commission of the European Communities*.

The President declared the debate closed.

Parliament considered next the motion for a resolution; the preamble and paragraphs 1 to 15 were adopted.

On paragraph 16, Mr Pounder had tabled on behalf of the European Conservative Group Amendment No 8, modifying the second part of this paragraph; Mr Pounder now moved this amendment.

Mr Durieux, *deputy rapporteur*, spoke.

Amendment No 8 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 16, then paragraphs 17 to 22.

On paragraph 23, Mr Scott-Hopkins had tabled on behalf of the European Conservative Group Amendment No 7, supplementing the text of this paragraph; Mr Scott-Hopkins now moved this amendment.

Mr Durieux spoke.

Amendment No 7 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 23 in the modified version, then paragraph 24.

On paragraph 25, Mr Frehsee and Mr Laban had tabled Amendment No 6, which Mr Laban now moved.

Mr Durieux spoke.

Amendment No 6 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 25, accordingly modified, then paragraphs 26 to 41.

<sup>(1)</sup> For Commission's and Council's answers, see 'Debates of the European Parliament' No 176.

On paragraph 42, Mr Jahn had tabled Amendment No 1, which Mr Van der Sanden now moved on the former's behalf.

Mr Durieux spoke.

Mr Jahn had tabled Amendment No 2, inserting four new paragraphs after paragraph 42; Mr Noè moved this amendment on the author's behalf.

Mr Durieux spoke.

Mr Noè withdrew Amendment Nos 1 and 2.

Parliament adopted paragraph 42.

On paragraph 43, Mr Jahn had tabled Amendment No 3, which Mr Noè had already moved.

Parliament adopted Amendment No 3 and paragraph 43 in the modified form.

On paragraph 44, Mr Jahn had tabled Amendment No 4, which Mr Noè moved on the author's behalf.

Mr Durieux spoke.

Parliament adopted Amendment No 4, then paragraph 44, accordingly amended.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 45 to 69.

On behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Brewis had tabled Amendment No 5, inserting a new paragraph after paragraph 69; Mr Brewis now moved this amendment.

Mr Durieux, Mr Wieldraaijer, Mr Romualdi, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Bertrand and Mr Kirk spoke.

Amendment No 5 was adopted.

Paragraphs 70 and 71 were adopted.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

on the Seventh General Report from the Commission of the European Communities on the activities of the Communities in 1973

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission's Seventh General Report on the activities of the Communities in 1973 (Doc. 368/73), its programme for 1974 and its declaration on the state of the Community<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having regard to the report submitted by Mr A Rossi pursuant to its resolution<sup>(2)</sup> of 14 February 1974 (Doc. 73/74),
- conscious of its responsibilities as the Assembly of the representatives of the peoples of the Member States joined in the Community,

#### A — State of the Community

1. Recalls the importance of the Community's achievement and the positive results attained in the field of economic and social integration which have enabled the Community to assert itself as a force for progress;
2. Notes that the serious difficulties suffered by the Community in 1973 had been precipitated by very considerable changes in the world economic and monetary system; but considers that its deeper roots are to be sought in an excessively technical approach in the process of European construction, in the attendant weakening of the political role of the Community's institutions, and in the absence of correlation between progress towards economic union and political union;
3. Deprecates the progressive deterioration of the Community's decision-making machinery, characterized by the simultaneous weakening of the Commission's power of initiative and the growing paralysis of the Council — and finds that this deterioration is leading both to abandonment of the search for the Community's higher interests and to sterile conflicts based on national interests;

<sup>(1)</sup> COM(74) 150 fin. of 31 January 1974.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 23, 8. 3. 1974, p. 63.

4. Deplores the fact that, despite the importance of the commitments then entered into, the Summit Conferences of 1972 and 1973 have not so far contributed to genuine progress of the Community and is disturbed by the possible repercussions of this proof of impotence upon public opinion in the Member States, particularly in regard to long-term commitments, such as the achievement of European union, which are of decisive significance for the Community's future;
5. Emphasizes the paramount role that should be played in the building of a united Europe by the representative institution of its peoples, and the consequent urgent need for real strengthening of its activities and powers;
6. Is profoundly convinced that only closer political integration will enable the Community to assert and fully assume its identity on the international scene within the framework of its traditional alliances and of the western world to which it belongs;
7. Solemnly asserts that both the lessons of the 15 years of the Community's existence and the new exigencies of the present international situation clearly demonstrate that for each and all of the nine Member States there is no alternative to the path of European integration, and that a united Europe is still essential for the preservation of an exceptional centre of progress and culture, for world equilibrium and for the safeguarding of peace;

#### B — Activities of the Community in 1973

8. Appreciates the efforts made by the Commission, in the particularly difficult conditions of 1973, to submit proposals needed for the progress of Community action, but finds that the latter had been seriously impeded by the malfunctioning and paralysis of Community machinery and particularly of that of the Council as well as by two external factors (the monetary crisis and the energy crisis);

##### I. *Economic organization of the Community*

###### *Economic and monetary union*

9. Calls attention to the considerable progress achieved in the area of competition policy and asks the Commission to be kept regularly informed of the current progress of the implementation of the Regulation on the control of the concentration of undertakings, once it comes into effect;
10. Regrets that, contrary to the high hopes raised by the Paris Summit Conference of October 1972, the Community had in fact regressed during 1973 as far as economic and monetary union is concerned;
11. Finds that this state of affairs is primarily attributable to the attitude of the Council, but considers that it is up to the Commission to submit, when it sees fit, detailed and practical proposals for overcoming the difficulties which have been encountered;
12. Invites the Commission to submit without delay detailed proposals for conferring upon the Community real powers of decision in the economic and monetary sphere;

###### *The Community budget*

13. Regrets that owing to the essentially descriptive nature of the General Report it is not possible to discern in the financial and budgetary areas a more coherent overall policy, although with the progress of common policies the size of Community budgets is constantly growing;
14. Is disappointed by the serious shortcomings of the Commission's amended proposals for strengthening the Parliament's budgetary powers, since they take no account of some essential points embodied in the resolution of



5 October 1973 concerning notably Parliament's power of co-decision in regard of acts which have important financial implications;

15. Stresses the Commission's share in the responsibility for the delay in the submission of its proposals in the matter, and declares that it cannot acquiesce in further postponements of commitments undertaken by the Commission and the Council for 1 January 1975;

16. Regrets that it had not been possible to make in time decisions concerning tax harmonization and particularly the definition of a uniform basis of value-added-tax assessment, so as to enable the system of the Communities' own resources to be implemented from 1 January 1975 and urges the speedy adoption of these decisions in order to minimize the duration of any transitional system which will have to be introduced;

17. Appreciates the Commission's efforts to reorganize the administrative structure of financial control, but considers that real control of own resources and Community expenditure requires a thoroughgoing transformation of the character and spirit of the relationship between the Commission and the Member States as they have so far developed;

18. Recalls that the draft general budget which is laid before it every year is but a reflection of an overall policy and its attendant individual actions which have been adopted before the drafting of the budget text — and consequently regrets that the formulation of this policy and the main acts into which it is translated have not always been the subject of a satisfactory dialogue between Parliament on the one side and the Commission and Council on the other;

#### *The functioning of the common market and the customs union*

19. Is of the opinion that although progress has been made in 1973 in the banking and insurance sectors, Community institutions should give greater consideration to the implementation of the right of establishment, because of the considerable delays which have accumulated in this matter;

20. Considers it intolerable that no liberal profession is yet able to enjoy the freedom to supply services and calls for the implementation of the provisions of Article 57 of the EEC Treaty which envisages the possibility of the Council, acting by a qualified majority, issuing Directives for the mutual recognition of diplomas;

21. Asks the Council to adopt as soon as possible the proposals for Directives on the harmonization of national legislations on company law;

22. Shares the Commission's anxiety about the compartmentalization of the public contract supply market and recommends that it should apply Article 235 of the EEC Treaty with the aim of liberalization of the greatest possible number of areas in the semi-public sector;

#### *Common Agricultural Policy*

23. Notes that international monetary upheavals continued to impede the unity of the common agricultural market in 1973, but considers that the efforts to bring about economic and monetary union will enable the machinery of the common agricultural policy to be re-established; believes, therefore, that the Common Agricultural Policy should also in the future be based on criteria that take into account the interests of producers as well as consumers under all market conditions;

24. Underlines with satisfaction that in the face of progressive world inflation, the common agricultural policy exercised a moderating role and constituted a factor of relative stability in regard to food prices throughout the Community, including the three new Member States, which benefit from compensatory amounts under the terms of their accession;

25. Believes that a better balance should be sought on the one hand between the prices of animal and plant products, and on the other hand between the prices of grains according to their feed value — and requests the Council to complete its procedure on the Directive introducing a special system of aids for hill farming and farming in certain less favoured areas;

26. Considers that, while certain adjustments may be appropriate in the light of changes in the world situation and while commitments towards third countries must be respected, the basic principles of the common agricultural policy should be maintained;

#### *Regional policy*

27. Endorses the Commission's statement that there can be no progress towards economic and monetary union unless intra-Community regional imbalances are corrected, and deplores the fact that the Council, despite solemn commitments entered into by the Heads of State or Government, has not yet reached the agreement which would enable the European Regional Development Fund to be established;

28. Believes that the Commission should, as a matter of priority, bring about effective coordination of the regional policies of the Member States and invites the Commission to formulate and put into effect an overall regional development policy on a European scale;

#### *Energy policy*

29. Points to the modesty of the Commission's proposals on energy policy and to the need for measures genuinely appropriate to world developments in this sector;

30. Regrets that, despite the discussions at the Copenhagen Conference of Heads of State and of Government, the Commission has not been able to convince the Council and the Member States of the vital importance of and urgent necessity for a common energy policy;

31. Invites the Commission and Council, therefore, to promote as soon as possible the measures necessary to provide the Community with integrated or coordinated energy sources totally independent of the outside;

#### *Research and technological policy*

32. Notes that the adoption of the multi-year research programme opens up new perspectives for Community progress in this area;

33. Welcomes the formulation of the guiding principles of a programme of action in scientific and technological policy, but repeats its request that these proposals find expression in a second, more detailed and more comprehensive, programme of action;

#### *Transport policy*

34. Was pleased to note that the Commission submitted on 24 October 1973, in the form of a memorandum to the Council, a general outline of a common transport policy and approves the initiatives taken in 1973 in this sector;

35. Invites all the Community institutions to make efforts to ensure that re-activation of the transport policy begins from 1975 to produce results in terms of free movement and justice in the Community's transport sector;

*Community law*

36. Urges the Commission whenever the need arises to base its proposals to the Council on the legal basis of Article 235 of the Treaty establishing the EEC, as it had been advised to do by the Paris Summit Conference of October 1972;
37. Stresses the urgent need for Community Regulations for the protection of basic citizens' rights in regard of the use of certain electronic information systems (data banks);
38. Expects the Commission to intensify, if possible in close cooperation with the Court of Justice of the European Communities, its information activities on Community law;

*II. The Community in the service of man**Social policy*

39. Approves the priorities laid down by the Commission in its social action programme and welcomes the measures undertaken by the Commission in respect of handicapped workers and migrant workers;
40. Regrets that the Community is not equipped, especially in the framework of the new European Social Fund, with administrative and financial resources adequate to ensure a real contribution to the improvement of the living and working conditions of the peoples of the Community;
41. Deplores the fact that differences of opinion within the Council have prevented the holding in 1973 of the tripartite conference envisaged by the Paris Summit;

*Public health and environmental policy*

42. Stresses the basic need for a common policy on public health and the environment in order to preserve the human dimensions of Community action and to provide the population with an appropriate quality of life;
43. Insists that the first programme on consumer protection and information should be implemented immediately, in particular by giving priority to action in such areas as consumer credit, consumer advisory services and reform of the law on foods including labelling;
44. Regrets the complete lack of satisfactory progress towards the free movement of pharmaceutical preparations within the Community and demands that harmonization in this sector should finally be achieved in 1974, so that the free market in pharmaceuticals in the Community can operate at least partially;

*The policy on information and youth*

45. Requests the Commission to provide it with exact details of the use of the information material at its disposal and to report to it on the activities of its information offices in the Community, particularly in the new Member States, as well as in third countries;
46. Urges the Commission to intensify its information activities among young people with a view to giving them a clearer idea of the Community's problems and enabling them to come into contact with each other across frontiers;

*III. The Community in the world*

47. Recalls the increased responsibilities of the Community in the world and the fact that it plays a part in a vast system of relations with third countries and international organizations;

*Political Cooperation*

48. Expresses satisfaction with the statement on the European identity published at the Copenhagen Summit Conference on 14 and 15 December 1973, but believes that a genuine European identity calls for the Community to speak with one voice in its external relations;
49. Calls for a real strengthening of political cooperation which, depending as it does on the Community and its institutions, enables Europe as a community to assert its economic and intellectual ability and potential in the world;
50. Considers that the problems of European defence mentioned in the statement on the European Identity should be studied at Community level;
51. Sees the confirmation by the Copenhagen Summit Conference of the Council declaration of 6 November 1973 on the Middle-East problem, as a constructive contribution by the Community to the establishment of a fair and lasting peace in the Middle-East;
52. Welcomes the fact that the Member States succeeded in reconciling their points of view at the conference on security and cooperation in Europe;
53. Invites the Commission, the Council and the Governments of the Member States to make every effort to initiate a constructive dialogue between the Community and the United States of America;

*External economic relations*

54. Endorses the Commission's attempts to have the Community recognized as such at international level and hopes that the Community clause in Member States' bilateral agreements will be systematically developed;
55. Notes that the common commercial policy became legally operative on 1 January 1973 and insists that agreements covering external economic relations which still come under the competence of the Member States should be included in the Community framework;
56. Notes with satisfaction that agreements concluded between the Community and other EFTA countries made possible the creation of a free-trade area for industrial products and services in 1973;
57. Endorses the Commission's attempts to implement an overall Mediterranean policy and invites the Council to give the Commission further powers towards that end;
58. Expresses satisfaction with the Agreement concluded with Cyprus and now looks forward to the conclusion of an agreement with the Maghreb countries;
59. Recommends implementation of the action referred to in the Association Agreement between the Community and Turkey;
60. Points out that only a free and democratic Greece will be able to benefit from the advantages provided for in the Association Agreement with the Community;
61. Regrets that the Community has been unable to take part in the negotiations on the new international sugar agreement, and hopes that in the future it will be able to subscribe to any further international agreements on basic products; welcomes also the fact that the Commission takes an active part in the current negotiations on Article XXIV (6) of GATT;

*Development cooperation and aid*

62. Invites the Council and Commission to use every possible means to bring the new Association Agreement with certain African and Commonwealth countries into force on 1 February 1975 and to speed up the formulation of an overall Community policy on development cooperation;

63. Requests the Commission to submit proposals for special aid to the least-developed countries along the lines of the recommendations made at the 3rd UNCTAD Conference;
64. Considers that the Community generalized preference system adopted for 1974 should be improved in order to guarantee receiving countries greater benefits than those obtained under the system applied by the Six and the three new Member States in 1973;
65. Expresses satisfaction with the food aid granted by the Community to the Sahel countries and Ethiopia and hopes that it will be increased and granted more promptly in view of the acute famine which is still prevalent there and in adjoining regions;
66. Believes that the definition of the European Identity calls for the existence of a true partnership with the developing countries and therefore invites the Commission to:
- harmonize and coordinate the development aid policy of the Member States;
  - encourage exports from the developing countries;
  - assist their regional integration programmes;
  - take greater account of their debt problems;

#### C — Future of the Community

67. Urges a new effort in Community action calculated to consolidate the very considerable results already achieved which make it possible to attain, despite the present difficulties, practical progress towards the economic and political integration of democratic Europe.
68. Solemnly appeals to the Parliaments of the Member States to join with the European Parliament in its attempts to induce national governments to make a new Community effort powerful enough to guarantee continuation of the integration process and attainment of a genuine European Union by 1980;
69. Proposes that the new effort should cover three main fields of action:
- democratization and effectiveness of the Community: by increasing the powers of the European Parliament and by a decision that it be elected by direct universal suffrage; by the Commission and Council reverting to the tasks assigned to them by the Treaties;
  - strengthening of economic and monetary union: by reverting to a Community monetary discipline and effective coordination of national economic policies to cope jointly with the serious problems of inflation;
  - assertion of European solidarity and identity: by strengthening the political cooperation which enables Europe as a community to speak with a single voice in economic as well as political matters and in large international circles;
70. Expresses its confidence in the Commission and in the latter's capacity to play a decisive role in the future developments of the Communities;
71. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities;
72. Invites its President also to forward this resolution to the national Parliaments and to propose that they organize simultaneous debates to draw the attention of public opinion and of the governments to the gravity of the problems.

**Agenda for next sitting**

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Wednesday, 15 May 1974:

10 a.m.:

- Oral Question on the protection of wild birds;
- Report by Mr Bousch on the economic situation in the Community;
- Report by Mr Della Briotta on medicinal products.

The sitting was closed at 6.45 p.m.

H. R. NORD  
*Secretary-General*

Cornelis BERKHOUWER  
*President*

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 1974**

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. BERKHOUWER  
*President*

The sitting was opened at 10 a.m.

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes of proceedings of the previous sitting were approved.

Mr John Hill asked a question concerning the publication of reports of proceedings; the President spoke in reply.

**Documents received**

The President announced that he had received the following documents:

- (a) from the Council of the European Communities a request for an Opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation to extend the list of products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff, in respect of which the scheme of generalized preferences in favour of developing countries is applicable under Council Regulation (EEC) No 3506/73 of 18 December 1973 (Doc. 104/74).

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

- (b) from the committees the following reports:

- report by Mr Luigi Rosati on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 390/73) for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels (Doc. 103/74);
- report by Mr Jean-Eric Bousch on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs on the economic situation in the Community (Doc. 105/74).

**Membership of the Parliamentary Conference of the EEC/AASM Association**

The President announced that he had received from the political groups the list of candidates for membership of the Parliamentary Conference of the Association.

Parliament appointed the following as European Members of the Parliamentary Conference of the EEC/AASM Association: Mr Achenbach, Mr Adams, Mr Aigner, Mr Ariosto, Mr Artzinger, Mr Baas, Mr Behrendt, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Bersani, Mr Bourdellès, Mr Bourges, Mr Broeksz, Mr Colin, Mr Corona, Mr Dewulf, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Mr Durieux, Mr Fellermaier, Miss Flesch, Mr Galli, Mr Gerlach, Mr Girardin, Mrs Goutmann, Mr Harmegnies, Mr Härzschel, Mr Van der Hek, Mr James Hill, Mrs Iotti, Mr Jahn, Mr Jozeau-Marigné, Mr Kaspereit, Mr Kollwelter, Mr Lagorce, Mr Laudrin, Mr Lautenschlager, Mr Ligios, Mr McDonald, Mr Maigaard, Mr Martens, Mr Memmel, Mr Knud Nielsen, Mr Nolan, Mr Normanton, Sir John Peel, Mr Pianta, Mr Pounder, Lord Reay, Mr Rosati, Mr Sandri, Mr Schuijt, Mr Schwörer, Mr Seefeld, Mr Spénale, Mr Thornley, Mr Vals, Mr Wohlfart and Mr Yeats.

#### Oral Question without debate: Protection of wild birds

Lord Chelwood spoke on the oral question without debate which he had put to the Commission of the European Communities concerning the protection of wild birds, especially migratory birds (Doc. 12/74).

Mr Haferkamp, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, spoke in reply <sup>(1)</sup>.

#### Economic situation in the Community

Mr Jean-Eric Bousch introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the economic situation in the Community (Doc. 105/74).

The following spoke: Mr Notenboom on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Nørgaard on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Leonardi on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Normanton on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Haferkamp, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, and Mr Bousch, *rapporteur*.

The following resolution was adopted:

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<sup>(1)</sup> For Commission's answer, see 'Debates of the European Parliament' No 176.

### RESOLUTION

#### on the economic situation in the Community

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Communication from the Commission to the Council concerning the adjustment of the economic policy guidelines for 1974 (COM(74) 450/fin.),
- having regard to its resolutions of 13 December 1973 <sup>(1)</sup> and 13 March 1974 <sup>(2)</sup>,
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 105/74),

1. Expresses its disappointment at the fact that the Commission, after making a shrewd analysis in its communication of the economic situation, goes on to formulate recommendations that are not primarily geared to the real situation and needs of the Community but which reproduce more or less unchanged the policy measures and intentions of the Governments of the Member States; whereas the whole Community finds itself confronted by a drastic restructuring of production, unemployment problems, the danger of disruptive capital movements and disquieting price increases;
2. Considers that no Member State should take measures liable to compromise, or even jeopardize the free movement of goods within the Community;
3. Considers that the Member States which now no longer participate in the machinery for maintaining limited margins of fluctuation should return to this machinery without delay;
4. Considers that, to enable the States to return to limited margins of fluctuation, the existing credit machinery should be extended, allowing these States to cope with their balance of payments problems and their monetary difficulties while making the granting of credits subject to Community economic policy conditions;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 2, 9. 1. 1974, p. 48.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 23.

5. Notes once again that the Commission has not taken any account of Parliament's point of view concerning a redistribution of short-term economic policy powers as recently embodied in its resolution of 13 March 1974<sup>(1)</sup>;
6. Also notes that the Council has not adhered to the provisions contained in the 'Council Decision of 18 February 1974 on the attainment of a high degree of convergence of the economic policies of the Member States of the European Economic Community<sup>(2)</sup>', according to which the Council 'shall, as soon as possible during the first quarter, adjust the economic policy guidelines for the current year as required by economic developments';
7. Expresses the wish that borrowings on the international capital markets to cover deficits on balances of payments — which cannot be a substitute for a real transfer of income but can at any rate facilitate the process of adjustment — should be made in a coordinated manner and requests the Commission to submit a proposal to this effect;
8. Believes that, with a view to preserving the liberalization of world trade already achieved, it is essential to protect the Community against disruptive capital movements and reminds the Commission of the need to put forward at an early date a Community Regulation for this purpose concerning capital movements from and to third countries;
9. Considers it essential that the Community programme for a medium-term economic policy should be adapted to the new situation so that it may serve as a framework for the short-term economic policy recommendations;
10. Holds the view that the communication from the Commission contains, in addition to worthwhile recommendations, many statements that are over-cautious and even obscure or contradictory, which are not in keeping with the gravity of the present situation; this is true of the following items in particular:
  - *Employment*: the situation is presented in excessively optimistic terms;
  - *Restructuring of production*: the Commission wishes to support this but does not indicate how this should be done;
  - *Monitoring of income trends*: the Commission proposes 'temporary controls on... all incomes' for the Netherlands (p. 18) although the situation in that country does not justify measures more drastic than those in other Member States;
  - *collective measures*: the Commission wants these extended, but at the same time considers it necessary to put a brake on the increase in government expenditure in most of the Member States;
11. Requests the Commission to base the Communication it is required to present to the Council during the second quarter of this year on the points of view expressed in this resolution;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Broeks, Mr Notenboom, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Broeks spoke on questions of procedure.

(<sup>1</sup>) '10. Deplores the lack of political resolve in the Council for the coordination of economic and monetary policies in the Community and considers that the advanced interpenetration of the economies of the Member States calls for a redistribution of powers between the Community institutions and the national authorities;

11. Invites the Commission to draw the logical conclusions from these findings and submit proposals to the Council which go beyond simple technical amendments to existing procedures and involve an extension of the implementing and decision-making powers of the Community institutions;

12. Considers economic budgetary and taxation policies, together with monetary and credit policies, should be the subject of binding Community Decisions';

(<sup>2</sup>) OJ No L 63, 5. 3. 1974, p. 16.



**Directive on standards and protocols for the testing of medicinal products — Directive on publicity for proprietary medicinal products and on package leaflets — Directive on the colouring of medicinal products**

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Mr Libero Della Briotta on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment on the amendments to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 377/73) for:

- I. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to analytical, pharmaco-toxicological and clinical standards and protocols in respect of the testing of proprietary medicinal products
- II. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to publicity for proprietary medicinal products and to package leaflets
- III. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to matters which may be added to proprietary medicinal products for colouring purposes

(Doc. 31/74).

Mr Scott-Hopkins asked a question with regard to procedure, which the President answered.

Mr Scott-Hopkins then spoke on Mr Della Briotta's report.

Mr Haferkamp, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, spoke.

The following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

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

- I. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to analytical, pharmaco-toxicological and clinical standards and protocols in respect of the testing of proprietary medicinal products
- II. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to publicity for proprietary medicinal products and to package leaflets
- III. a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to matters which may be added to proprietary medicinal products for colouring purposes

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 377/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 31/74),

1. Approves the Commission's proposals;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of the committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No C 35, 28. 3. 1974, p. 68.

**Dates for next part-session**

On a proposal from the enlarged Bureau, Parliament decided to hold its next part-session in Strasbourg in the week from 10 to 14 June 1974.

**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, the minutes of the day's proceedings were approved.

The sitting was closed at 12.25 p.m.

H. R. NORD  
*Secretary-General*

Cornelis BERKHOUWER  
*President*

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