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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1975/76 SESSION

Sittings from 12 to 15 May 1975

Europe House — Strasbourg

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF MONDAY, 12 MAY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPÉNALE

President

The sitting was opened at 5.30 p.m.

Resumption of session

The President declared resumed the session of the European Parliament adjourned on 30 April 1975.

Authorization to draw up reports

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

- Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs:
report on raw material supplies in the Community; asked for their Opinions: Committee

on External Economic Relations and Committee on Development and Cooperation;

report on energy prices and the competitiveness of European industry; asked for its Opinion: Committee on Energy, Research and Technology;

report on the customs union and achievement of the internal market; asked for their Opinions: Committee on Budgets and Committee on External Economic Relations.

- Committee on Regional Policy and Transport:

report on the installation of safety windscreens in motor vehicles; asked for their Opinions: Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Committee on Public Health and the Environment.

- Committee on Public Health and the Environment:

report on those sections of the eighth general report of the Commission on the activities of the

European Communities falling within the committee's terms of reference.

- Committee on Energy, Research and Technology:
report on the communication from the Commission on guidelines for the electricity sector of the Community.
- Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth:
report on the information memorandum of the Commission of the European Communities on the **allocation of grants** to universities under Article 410 of the budget; asked for its Opinion: Committee on Budgets.
- Committee on External Economic Relations:
report on relations between the EEC and Iran;
interim report on the Agreement between the European Community and the State of Israel; asked for their Opinions for the final report: Political Affairs Committee, Committee on Agriculture and Associations Committee;
supplementary report on the Community's position with regard to the forthcoming GATT multilateral trade negotiations; asked for their Opinions: Committee on Agriculture, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Committee on Development and Cooperation.
- Committee on Development and Cooperation:
report on the communication from the Commission to the Council on the future development of the European Communities' generalized tariff preferences; asked for their Opinions: Committee on External Economic Relations and Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

The President also announced that the Bureau, pursuant to Rule 50 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and having regard to the report prepared by the Secretary-General, had decided to consult the Committee on Budgets on the first preliminary draft of the estimates of the European Parliament for 1976.

Transfers of appropriations within the 1975 budget

The President announced that he had informed the Council of the European Communities that in spite of certain reservations, the Committee on Budgets had delivered a positive Opinion on three proposals for the transfer of appropriations from one chapter to another in Section III 'Commission' of the general

budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1975 (Doc. 39/75).

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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on intervention by the European Social Fund to encourage structural adjustment measures (Doc. 73/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision concerning the programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty (Doc. 76/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment;

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

I. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for the products falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in the ACP States

II. a Regulation relating to the arrangements applicable to certain agricultural and processed agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (or in the overseas countries and territories)

(Doc. 81/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Development and Cooperation 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 Decision on measures against foot-and-mouth disease (Doc. 82/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Committee on Budgets for their Opinions;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision on common and coordinated research programmes in the fields of animal leucoses, live-stock effluence, beef production and plant protein production (Doc. 86/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Committee on Budgets for their Opinions;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the conclusion of the 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 (Doc. 87/75).

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

- (b) 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 future role of Eurocontrol (Doc. 83/75);

- (c) the following oral questions:

- oral questions by Mr Normanton, Mr Bordu, Mr Hougardy, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Leenhardt, Mr Durieux, Mr Cousté, Mr Radoux, Mr Broeks, Mr Krall, Mr McDonald, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Kirk, Mr Howell, Lord Bethell, Mr Dykes, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Lord St. Oswald and Mr Osborn to the Commission, pursuant to Rule 47A of the Rules of Procedure, for Question Time on 14 May 1975 (Doc. 84/75);
- oral question with debate by Mr Durand, Mr Durieux, Mr Premoli, Mr Emile Müller and Mr Pianta to the Commission on the situation on the Community beef and veal market (Doc. 85/75).

- (d) from the committees, the following reports:

- report by Mr Alfred Bertrand on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 73/75) for a Decision on intervention by the European Social Fund to encourage structural adjustment measures (Doc. 74/75);

- report by Mr Pierre Bourdèlles on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 531/74) for:

I. a Regulation on the production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard poultry chicks

II. a Regulation on the common system of trade for ovalbumin and lactalbumin

III. a Regulation fixing the basic price and the standard quality for slaughtered pigs for the period from 1 November 1974 to 31 October 1975

IV. a Regulation determining the Community scale for grading pig carcasses

(Doc. 75/75);

- supplementary report by Mr Willy Dondelinger on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 76/75) for a Decision concerning the programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty (Doc. 77/75);

- report by Mrs Elisabeth Orth on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment on the eleventh report of the Mines Safety and Health Commission and the fifth report of the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission (Doc. 78/75);

- report by Mr Linus Memmel on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 480/74) for a Decision empowering the Commission to issue Euratom loans with a view to a Community contribution towards the financing of nuclear power stations (Doc. 79/75);

- report by Mr Michael Shaw on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the initial list of requests to carry forward appropriations from the financial year 1974 to the financial year 1975 (appropriations not carried forward automatically) — (Doc. 40/75) — (Doc. 80/75).

Decision on urgency of a debate and inclusion in the agenda

Parliament considered next the Socialist Group's request that its motion for a resolution on the future role of Eurocontrol (Doc. 83/75) be considered by urgent procedure.

Mr Noè, Mr Seefeld and Mr Noè spoke.

Parliament decided to adopt urgent procedure in respect of the debate on this motion for a resolution.

On a proposal from the President, it was decided to enter this item at the end of the agenda for Tuesday, 13 May 1975.

Order of business

The President pointed out that Parliament had already adopted the agenda for the present part-session at its sitting of 30 April 1975. He announced, however, that in the meantime the report by Mr Aigner on the ECSC Auditor's report for 1973 and the report by Mr Jahn on an inventory of sources of information on the environment had been removed from the agenda.

He also announced that Mr Durand and others had put an oral question with debate to the Commission of the European Communities on the situation on the Community beef and veal market and had requested that it be included in the agenda for the present part-session.

After the following had spoken: Mr Scott-Hopkins on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Klepsch, Mr Laban on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Durieux on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, and Mr Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Parliament decided not to place the oral question by Mr Durand and others on the agenda for the present part-session.

It was then decided to modify as follows the agenda adopted on 30 April 1975.

That afternoon:

Since not much time had elapsed since the previous part-session, it was decided that the Commission

would not deliver a statement on action taken on the Opinions of Parliament.

- report by Mr Gerlach on the amendment of the Statute of the European Investment Bank;
- report by Mr Shaw on the carrying forward of appropriations from the 1974 to the 1975 financial year.

Tuesday, 13 May 1975

9 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- report by Mrs Orth on the eleventh report of the Mines Safety and Health Commission and the fifth report of the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission;
- report by Mr Alfred Bertrand on the Social Fund (intervention for structural adjustment measures);
- supplementary report by Mr Dondelinger on the programme of studies to combat poverty;
- report by Mr Petersen on the information programme for 1975;
- report by Mr Premoli on the pollution of water for bathing;
- motion for a resolution tabled by the Socialist Group on the future role of Eurocontrol.

Wednesday, 14 May 1975

11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.:

- Question Time;
- interim report on the Agreement with Israel;
- oral question by the Political Affairs Committee to the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Member States on the situation in the Mediterranean and the Middle East;
- joint debate on:
 - the oral question with debate by Mr Jahn and others to the Commission on the composition of the Consumers' Consultative Committee, and
 - the oral question with debate by Mr Jahn and others to the Council on the same subject;

5.30 p.m.:

Formal sitting

in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of President Schuman's speech.

Thursday, 15 and possibly Friday, 16 May 1975

9 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- oral question with debate by the Socialist Group on economic discrimination against EEC nationals and firms by the countries of the Arab League;
- report on the supply of milk fats as food aid;
- joint debate on:
 - the oral question by the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Commission on measures to aid the car industry, and
 - the oral question by the Communist and Allies Group on the restructuring of the motor vehicle production sector;
- report by Mr Willi Müller on problems of nuclear safety;
- report by Mr Scholten on the activities of credit institutions;
- report by Mr Memmel on the issue of Euratom loans to finance nuclear power stations;
- report by Mr Baas on Community tariff quotas for cattle of certain mountain breeds;
- report by Mr Thomsen on the establishment by Norway of fishing zones;
- report on apricot imports from Israel;
- report by Mr Bourdèlles on farmyard poultry, ovalbumin, slaughtered pigs, etc.;
- report by Mr Früh on the market organization for dehydrated fodder.

Decision on urgency

On a proposal from the 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.

Limitation of speaking time

The President reminded members that Parliament had decided at the end of its last part-session to limit speaking time on the 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 of the question, and

5 minutes for other speakers.

Amendment of the Statute of the European Investment Bank

Mr Horst Gerlach introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the proposal for the amendment of the Statute of the European Investment Bank (Doc. 502/74) — (Doc. 59/75).

The following spoke: Mr Cousté on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, and Mr Gerlach, *Rapporteur*.

Parliament decided to consider two amendments tabled orally by Mr Cousté to the proposal for the amendment of the Statute of the European Investment Bank.

Amendment No 1 on the second subparagraph of Article 4 (1) was rejected.

Amendment No 2 on Article 7 (4) was rejected.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Government of the Netherlands (R/307/75),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 236 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 502/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 59/75),

1. Approves the proposal from the Government of the Netherlands;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of the committee to the Council of the European Communities.

Carrying forward of appropriations from the financial year 1974 to the financial year 1975

Mr Michael Shaw introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the initial list of requests to carry forward appropriations from the financial year 1974 to the financial year 1975 (appropriations not carried forward automatically) — (Doc. 40/75) — (Doc. 80/75).

Mr Giraud and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, spoke.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list submitted by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 127),
- having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Article 6 (2) of the financial regulation of the European Communities (Doc. 40/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 80/75),

1. Considers that decisions to carry forward appropriations should be of an exceptional character because, on the one hand, they are prejudicial to budgetary transparency and, on the other hand, they tend to indicate that budgetary estimates were too imprecise;
2. Notes with satisfaction the additional information provided by the Commission on the main operations in response to Parliament's request in the resolution ⁽¹⁾ on last year's request for the non-automatic carrying forward of appropriations;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 85, 18. 7. 1974.

3. Approves this initial request for the carrying forward of appropriations and asks the Council to consider them as early as possible, recognizing that these appropriations relate in certain instances to needs indicated by Parliament, in the exercise of its budgetary powers, when examining the annual budget.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Tuesday, 13 May 1975:

9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- report by Mrs Orth on the eleventh report of the Mines Safety and Health Commission;
- report by Mr Alfred Bertrand on intervention by the Social Fund for structural adjustment measures;
- supplementary report by Mr Dondelinger on the programme to combat poverty;
- report by Mr Petersen on the 1975 information programme;
- report by Mr Premoli on the pollution of water for bathing;
- motion for a resolution of the Socialist Group on the future role of Eurocontrol.

The sitting was closed at 6.30 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Walter BEHRENDT
Vice-President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, 13 MAY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR W. BEHRENDT
Vice-President

The sitting was opened at 9 a.m.

Approval of minutes

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

Eleventh report of the Mines Safety and Health Commission and fifth report of the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission

Mrs Elisabeth Orth introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, on the eleventh report of the Mines Safety and Health Commission and the fifth report of the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission (Doc. 78/75).

The following spoke: Mr Ansart on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Schwabe, Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, and Mrs Orth, *Rapporteur*.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the eleventh report of the Mines Safety and Health Commission and the fifth report of the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 78/75),
 - considering that the renewed increase in the importance of coal mining as a source of energy will lead to a rise in the number of workers in the coal sector,
1. Notes with satisfaction that in 1973 the number of fatal accidents showed a further decrease in both the coal-mining industry and the iron and steel industry;
 2. Regrets, however, that the non-fatal accident rate is tending to rise in these two sectors;
 3. Regrets that, during the period under review, the Steel Industry Safety and Health Commission has apparently done nothing and the Mines Safety and Health Commission very little in connection with the protection of the health of the workers concerned;
 4. Urges both commissions to investigate the extent to which sound training of workers and information campaigns using brochures, slide shows, films and other methods could contribute to the improvement of industrial safety;
 5. Urges both commissions to base their choice of investigations to be undertaken solely on their value for the safety and health of the workers concerned;

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

6. Wonders whether the priorities governing the selection of topics to be studied are correct and requests the Mines Safety and Health Commission to consider whether priority should not be given to the investigation of the following:
 - (a) prevention of dust formation,
 - (b) training and instruction of all workers,
 - (c) consequences of mechanization;

7. Urges those responsible in the Mines Safety and Health Commission to take steps to ensure that an increase in the maximum permissible CH₄ concentrations does not lead to a deterioration in the protection of the health and safety of the workers concerned;
8. Regrets that various working parties have not been able to meet owing to a shortage of staff in the Secretariat and urges the Commission of the European Communities to take the measures necessary for a definitive solution of this problem;

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

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

Decision on interventions by the Social Fund for structural adjustment measures

Mr Alfred Bertrand introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 73/75) for a Decision on intervention by the European Social Fund to encourage structural adjustment measures (Doc. 74/75).

The following spoke: Mr Härzschel on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Adams on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Laudrin on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Marras on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Girardin, Mr Liogier and Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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

The European Parliament,

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

1. Once again expresses its deep regret that under the European Social Fund as at present constituted the Commission is unable to take the initiative to achieve intervention by the Fund as regards the application of Article 4 of the basic Decision;
2. Considers that, in accordance with the indications given by the Paris summit conference in December 1974, the Commission should take vigorous and coordinated action as soon as possible to deal with the problem of unemployment in view of the deterioration of the situation and the constant increase in the number of unemployed, and that it should refer the proposals on this matter to the European Parliament;
3. Approves, therefore, the Commission's proposal since it represents a first step towards increasing the possibilities of ESF intervention;
4. Feels, however, that the proposal does not meet present requirements, particularly as no supplementary budget appropriation is proposed for the 1975 financial year, and that it should therefore be supplemented by other measures and supplementary appropriations provided for 1975;
5. Deplores, moreover, the fact that the Commission has not submitted any proposals for supplementing the incomes of the unemployed while they are being retrained and urges it to do so as soon as possible;
6. Wonders whether the Commission's policy option, consisting in facilitating the movement of manpower from crisis sectors to activities linked with the restructuring of the energy sector and priority Community needs as well as to development activities (see Article 1 (2) of the proposal) is not too restrictive, and whether it would not be preferable, particularly where the re-employment of women and young people is concerned, to facilitate the movement of manpower to sectors likely to provide work for the unemployed;
7. Invites the Council to adopt this proposal for a Decision and the request for the carrying forward of 52 million units of account unused in 1974 from the financial year 1974 to the financial year 1975 at the earliest possible date.

Tabling of a motion for a resolution and reference to committee

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution, tabled by Mr Amendola, Mr Ansart, Mr Lemoine, Mr Bordu, Mr Sandri, Mr Hartog, Mr Leonardi, Mrs Iotti, Mrs Caretoni Romagnoli, Mrs Goutmann 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, on the commemoration of the 8th of May 1945 (Doc. 90/75).

The following spoke on the request for debate by urgent procedure: Mr Radoux on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Santer on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Bordu on behalf of

the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Scott-Hopkins on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Laudrin on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats and Mr Durieux on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group.

Parliament rejected the request for urgent procedure.

The President announced that the motion for a resolution would be referred to the Political Affairs Committee.

Decision on the programme of pilot schemes to combat poverty

Mr Willy Dondelinger introduced his supplementary report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, on the proposal from

the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 76/75) for a decision concerning a programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty (Doc. 77/75).

IN THE CHAIR: MR L. MARTENS

Vice-President

The following spoke: Lady Elles on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Marras on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, and Mr Radoux.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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

The European Parliament,

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

1975 information programme

Mr Helveg Petersen introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth, on the information programme and the complementary information programme for 1975 (Doc. 45/75).

The following spoke: Mr Klepsch on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Broeks on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Corrie on behalf of the European

Conservative Group, Mrs Caretoni Romagnoli on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Schuijt, Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, Mr Broeksz, Mr Scarascia Mugnozza and Mr Petersen, *Rapporteur*.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the information programme and the complementary information programme for 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the information programme and the complementary information programme for 1975 (SEC(75) 200 fin. and SEC(75) 1084 fin.),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth (Doc. 45/75),
1. Appreciates the effort made by the Commission to present at very short notice a detailed information programme and complementary information programme including new actions;
 2. Approves the Commission's idea of reaching the public directly while continuing to develop relations with major information organs and organized movements;
 3. Considers that the various methods which the Commission intends to use will provide the citizens of Member States and particularly young people with practical knowledge of a Community on which they have little or inaccurate information;
 4. Takes the view that some of the mobile exhibitions should be of a more specialized nature adapted to the principal activities of the regions where they are to be organized;
 5. Emphasizes that information intended for different sectors of the population should be presented differently and, in particular, that information intended for members of national parliaments should be set out on cards giving summaries of basic documents;
 6. Takes the view that the various information services of the institutions should cooperate as closely as possible and, in particular, that the services of the Commission and the European Parliament could carry out joint information projects on certain subjects of particular interest to the two institutions;
 7. Considers that the Commission should be able to use the appropriations available to it in a flexible manner and, in particular, to launch an experimental exchange programme for young people, teachers and other persons, to enable citizens of Member States to get to know one another better and to become aware that they belong to a Community;
 8. Hopes that the Commission will be able to make and collect recordings and television films on Community subjects for regular radio and television broadcasts and asks it to make the necessary contacts with the officials responsible for the various national television networks and for Eurovision; also requests the Commission to recruit sufficient numbers of qualified staff in this sector;
 9. Considers that the Commission should not confine itself to providing information on the Community, but that it should concern itself with the impact of its information on the public and with the public image of the Community institutions;
 10. Instructs the committee responsible to keep the implementation of the Commission's programme under scrutiny;
 11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

The sitting was suspended at 12.45 p.m. and resumed at 3.10 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPÉNALE

President

Directive on the pollution of water for bathing

Mr De Clercq, deputizing for Mr Augusto Premoli, introduced the report drawn up by the latter 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. 507/74) for a Directive relating to pollution of sea water and fresh water for bathing (quality objectives) — (Doc. 53/75).

The following spoke: Sir Derek Walker-Smith on behalf of the European Conservative Group and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*.

Parliament considered next amendment No 1, which Lord Bethell had tabled on behalf of the European Conservative Group to the Commission's proposal for a Directive.

Lord Bethell moved his amendment.

Mr De Clercq, *Deputy Rapporteur*, Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, Sir Derek Walker-Smith and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza spoke.

Mr Kirk moved that the Legal Affairs Committee be appointed to draw up an opinion on the Commission's proposal for a Directive.

Mr Giraud spoke.

Parliament rejected first Mr Kirk's motion and then amendment No 1.

Parliament then considered the motion for a resolution; the preamble and paragraph 1 were adopted.

On paragraph 2, Mr Spicer had tabled on behalf of the European Conservative Group Amendment No 2, which he now moved.

Mr De Clercq spoke.

Amendment No 2 was rejected.

Paragraph 2, and then paragraphs 3 to 5 were adopted.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive relating to pollution of sea water and fresh water for bathing (quality objectives)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 507/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 53/75),

1. Regrets that no provisions have been laid down concerning bathing in swimming pools, given the serious dangers of infection and epidemics;
2. Proposes that bathing should be formally prohibited in water with a higher level of pollution than that stipulated in the proposal for a Directive;
3. Feels that the provisions concerning water for bathing should be extended by Community measures to improve quality, and, possibly, to provide Community funds for the purchase by local communities of diffusers and purifiers;

(¹) OJ No C 67, 22. 3. 1975, p. 1.

4. Approves the proposal in principle, believing it to represent an effective means of realizing the Community's quality objectives of an improved standard of living and a harmonious development of economic activities;
5. Suggests that, in view of the correlation between the pollution of sea water and tourism, the Community should align itself with international organizations with a view to introducing on a general basis the protective measures laid down in this proposal for a Directive.

Future role of Eurocontrol

Parliament considered next the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Fellermaier on behalf of the Socialist Group on the future role of Eurocontrol (Doc. 83/75).

Mr Seefeld moved the motion for a resolution.

Mr Notenboom spoke on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group and Mr Osborn on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. BERKHOUWER

Vice-President

Mr Noè and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, spoke.

Parliament adopted the preamble and paragraph 1 of the motion for a resolution.

On paragraph 2, Mr Notenboom had tabled Amendment No 1, which he had already moved.

Mr Seefeld spoke.

Amendment No 1, and then paragraph 3 were adopted.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the future role of Eurocontrol

The European Parliament,

- recalling its insistence on the development of a common air transport policy through multilateral negotiations on landing rights and air route planning within the Community and the importance it has always attached to the work of such organizations as Eurocontrol,
- considering that the present effective coordinated air control system operated by Eurocontrol in a substantial part of the Community air space is a necessary constituent element in a future common European air transport policy,

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

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Wednesday, 14 May 1975:

11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.:

- Question Time;
- interim report on the Agreement with Israel;
- oral question by the Political Affairs Committee to the conference of foreign ministers of the Member States on the situation in the Mediterranean and the Middle East;
- Joint debate on:
 - the oral question with debate by Mr Jahn and others to the Commission on the composition of the Consumers' Consultative Committee, and
 - the oral question with debate by Mr Jahn and others to the Council on the same subject;

5.30 p.m.:

Formal sitting

to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Robert Schuman's speech.

The sitting was closed at 4.30 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Cornelis BERKHOUWER
Vice-President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. BERKHOUWER

Vice-President

The sitting was opened at 11 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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation extending the field of application of Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables to new potatoes (Doc. 88/75).

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 laying down measures for the rationalization of horticultural production under glass (Doc. 89/75).

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

- the proposal for the transfer of appropriations from one chapter to another in Section II 'Council' of the general budget for the 1975 financial year (Doc. 91/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

- two proposals for the transfer of appropriations from one chapter to another in Section III 'Commission' of the general budget for the 1975 financial year (Doc. 92/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

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

I. a Directive on biological standards for lead and on screening of the population for lead

II. a Directive on air quality standards for lead (Doc. 93/75).

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 setting up a temporary scheme of aids for the private storage of certain fishery products (Doc. 97/75).

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

- (b) from the Commission of the European Communities, a letter on the maximum rate of increase for non-compulsory expenditure in the budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year (Doc. 99/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

(c) from the committees, the following reports:

- interim report by Mr Schelto Patijn on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel (Doc. 94/75);

- report by Mr Gabriel Kaspereit on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 61/75) 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) aa) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Israel (Doc. 95/75);

- report by Mr Isidor Früh on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 60/75) for a Regulation extending the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 1067/74 on the common organization of the market in dehydrated fodder to cover certain products processed from potatoes (Doc. 96/75);

— second report by Mr Jan Baas on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 503/74) for:

I. a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of the Community tariff quota for 30 000 head of heifers and cows, not intended for slaughter, of certain mountain breeds falling within

subheading ex 01.02 A II b) 2 of the Common Customs Tariff

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

(Doc. 98/75).

Question Time

Parliament considered next the following questions put to the Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 84/75).

No 1 by Mr Normanton: European textile industry

Mr Spinelli, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and a supplementary question put by Mr Normanton.

Question No 2 by Mr Bordu on the Chilean external debt will be answered in writing, as the author was not present.

No 3 by Mr Hougardy: Harmonization of oil product prices

Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and a supplementary question put by Mr Hougardy.

Question No 4 by Mr Fellermaier on the arrest of a former employee of the Hoffman-La Roche Company and question No 5 by Mr Leenhardt on the notification of infringements by Associated States of the rules of competition will be answered in writing as the authors were not present.

No 6 by Mr Durieux: Mediterranean policy

Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Durieux and Mr Normanton.

Question No 7 by Mr Cousté on the likelihood of Switzerland joining the 'European monetary snake' and question No 8 by Mr Radoux on the creation of an exchange stabilization fund will be answered in writing, as the authors were not present.

No 9 by Mr Broeksz: Action taken by the Council on Commission proposals

Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and a supplementary question put by Mr Broeksz.

No 10 by Mr Krall: Competitiveness of small- and medium-sized enterprises in the common market

Mr Gundelach, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and a supplementary question put by Mr Bangemann who was deputizing for the author.

No 11 by Mr McDonald: Import regime for sheep and lamb operated by France

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr McDonald, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Nolan.

No 12 by Mr Scott-Hopkins: Food prices

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and a supplementary question put by Mr Scott-Hopkins.

No 13 by Mr Kirk: Price of sugar

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Kirk and Mr Scott-Hopkins.

No 14 by Mr Howell: Beef supplies

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Howell and Mr Gibbons.

Question No 15 by Lord Bethell on cooperation with India will be answered in writing as the author was not present.

No 16 by Mr Dykes: Number of Community and British civil servants

Mr Borschette, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Dykes and Mr Van der Hek.

No 17 by Mrs Kellett-Bowman: Consumer subsidies for butter

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Lady Elles, who was deputizing for the author, and Mr Howell.

No 18 by Lord St. Oswald: Mountain and hill farming Directive

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and supplementary question put by Lord St. Oswald and Mr Corrie.

No 19 by Mr Osborn: Cost of Community and British civil servants

Mr Borschette, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question and a supplementary question put by Mr Osborn.

The President declared Question Time closed.

Council statement on the Lomé convention

Mr Fitzgerald, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, made a statement on the consultation on the transitional measures provided for in the Lomé convention.

The following spoke: Mr Broeksz, Lord Reay, Miss Flesch, *Chairman of the Committee on Development and Cooperation*, and Mr Fitzgerald.

EEC Israel Agreement

Mr Schelto Patijn introduced his interim report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel (Doc. 94/75).

The following spoke: Mr Fitzgerald, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, Mr Blumenfeld on behalf of the Christian-Democratic

Group, Mr Giraud on behalf of the Socialist Group, Lord Reay on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Tetrenoire on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Patijn, *Rapporteur*.

The President declared the debate closed.

Parliament considered next the motion for a resolution; the preamble and paragraphs 1 and 2 were adopted.

On paragraph 3, Mr Blumenfeld had tabled on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group Amendment No 1, which he had already moved.

Amendment No 1 was adopted subject to a minor change in the text proposed by Mr Cheysson.

Paragraph 3, accordingly modified, was adopted, and then paragraphs 4 to 6.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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

The European Parliament,

— having noted the signing of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel,

- having further noted that this Agreement will come into force one month after the exchange of instruments of ratification between the two Contracting Parties and hence, in principle, on 1 July 1975,
 - having been informed of the substance of this Agreement through its competent committees on 29 April 1975,
 - reserving the right to express its opinion subsequently on all aspects of the Agreement,
 - recalling its previous resolutions on relations between the Community and the State of Israel, and particularly that of 25 March 1965 ⁽¹⁾,
1. Welcomes the conclusion of negotiations which have led to a formal Agreement between the Community and the State of Israel;
 2. Emphasizes that this Agreement confirms the Community's desire to strengthen, further its ties with the countries of the Mediterranean Basin;
 3. Notes with satisfaction that the Agreement contains a future adjustments clause allowing for dynamic interpretation of relations between the Community and the State of Israel and for financial and technological cooperation;
 4. Believes that, at the proper time, appropriate and regular contacts could be established between Members of the Israeli Parliament and the European Parliament with a view to facilitating the adjustment of the Agreement and of relations between the Community and the State of Israel;
 5. Instructs its competent committees to pursue their discussions on all the aspects of the Agreement and, if the need arises, to report to it;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 62, 12. 4. 1965, p. 917/65.

The sitting was suspended at 1.05 p.m. and resumed at 3 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPÉNALE

President

Welcome to Greek delegation

The President welcomed on behalf of Parliament a group of Parliamentarians belonging to the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/Greece Association.

Oral question with debate: General situation in the Mediterranean and the Middle East

Mr Kirk spoke on the oral question with debate which he had put on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee pursuant to the second sub-paragraph of paragraph 4 of the communiqué of the Summit conference of 9 and 10 December 1974 to the conference of foreign ministers of the Member States

of the European Communities on the general situation in the Mediterranean and the Middle East (Doc. 70/75).

Mr Fitzgerald, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, answered the question.

The following spoke: Mr Blumenfeld on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Fellermaier on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mrs Goutmann on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Jahn and Mr Fitzgerald.

IN THE CHAIR: MR F. BURGBACHER

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Lange, Mr Seefeld, Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Cheysson, Mr Jahn, Mrs Goutmann, Mr Cheysson, Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Kirk.

Mr Fellermaier made a statement on behalf of the Socialist Group.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Oral questions with debate: Composition of the Consumers' Consultative Committee

The next item on the agenda was the joint debate on two oral questions on the composition of the Consumers' Consultative Committee.

Mr Jahn spoke on the oral question with debate on the composition of the Consumers' Consultative Committee (Doc. 68/75) which he and Mr Aigner, Mr Burgbacher, Mr Früh, Mr Klepsch, Mr Mursch and Mr Schulz had put to the Commission of the European Communities and on the oral question with debate which the same authors had put to the Council of the European Communities on the same subject (Doc. 69/75).

Mr Fitzgerald, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, answered the question put to the Council and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, the question put to the Commission.

The following spoke: Mrs Orth on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Nyborg on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Giraud, Mr Corrie and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza.

The President declared the debate on the two oral questions closed.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the sitting to be held the following day, i.e. Thursday, 15 May 1975:

9 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

— oral question with debate by the Socialist Group on economic discrimination against EEC nationals and firms by countries of the Arab League;

— report on the supply of milk fats as food aid;

— joint debate on:

— the oral question by the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Commission on measures to aid the car industry, and

— the oral question by the Communist and Allies Group on the restructuring of the motor vehicle production sector;

— report by Mr Willi Müller on problems of nuclear safety;

— report by Mr Scholten on the activities of credit institutions;

— report by Mr Memmel on the issuing of Euratom loans to finance nuclear power stations;

— second report by Mr Baas on Community tariff quotas for cattle of certain mountain breeds;

— report by Mr Thomsen on the establishment by Norway of fishing zones;

— report by Mr Kaspereit on apricot imports from Israel;

— report by Mr Bourdèlles on farmyard poultry, ovalbumin, slaughtered pigs, etc.;

— report by Mr Früh on the market organization for dehydrated fodder.

The sitting was suspended at 5.05 p.m. and resumed as a formal sitting at 5.30 p.m.

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of the formal sitting to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the declaration of Robert Schuman

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPÉNALE

President

The President read out a letter sent to him by Mr Jean Monnet on the occasion of this commemorative sitting. He announced that he had received telegrams of congratulation on the occasion from a number of personalities.

He then gave an address in which he outlined briefly the work on European unification begun by Robert Schuman and since achieved within the framework of the Communities.

Mr Fitzgerald, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, and Mr Ortoli, *President of the Commission of the European Communities*, spoke.

The sitting was closed at 6.10 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Jacques SANTER
Vice-President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, 15 MAY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR J. SANTER
Vice-President

The sitting was opened at 9 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, a request for an Opinion on the second list of requests for the carrying forward of appropriations from the financial year 1974 to the financial year 1975 (appropriations not automatically carried forward — (Doc. 100/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

- (b) a report drawn up by Mr Pierre Deschamps on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 62/75) for a Regulation establishing general rules concerning the supply of milk fats as food aid under the 1975 programme to certain developing countries and international agencies (Doc. 101/75).

Presentation of a petition

The President announced that he had received from Mr Virgile Barel a petition on the purification of titanium dioxide waste.

This petition had been entered under No 1/75 in the register provided for in Rule 48(2) of the Rules of Procedure and, pursuant to paragraph 3 of the same Rule, referred to the Committee on Public Health and the Environment.

Oral question with debate: Economic discrimination against EEC nationals and firms by the countries of the Arab League

Mr Broeks spoke on the oral question with debate put by himself and Mr Fellermaier, Mr Albertsen, Mr Dondelinger and Mr Giraud on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission of the European Communities on economic discrimination against EEC nationals and firms by the countries of the Arab League and the companies and firms established in those countries (Doc. 71/75).

Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered the question.

The following spoke: Mr Jahn on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Scholten, Mr Broeks and Mr Cheysson.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Regulation on the supply of milk fats as food aid

Mr Pierre Deschamps introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Development and

Cooperation, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 62/75) for a Regulation establishing general rules concerning the supply of milk fats as food aid under the 1975 programme to certain developing countries

and international agencies (Doc. 101/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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

The European Parliament,

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 101, 3. 5. 1975, p. 5.

Oral question with debate: Measures to aid the car industry — Oral question with debate: Restructuring programme for the motor vehicle production industry

The next item on the agenda was the joint debate on two oral questions concerning the motor vehicle sector.

Mr Cousté spoke on the oral question with debate on measures to aid the car industry (Doc. 30/75) which he had put on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Commission of the European Communities.

Mr Lemoine spoke on the oral question with debate on the restructuring programme for the motor vehicle production sector (Doc. 72/75) which Mr Amendola, Mr Ansart, Mr Bordu and Mr Leonardi had put on

behalf of the Communist and Allies Group to the Commission of the European Communities.

Mr Spinelli, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, answered together the two questions put to the Commission.

The following spoke: Mr Jahn on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Suck on behalf of the Socialist Group and Mr Normanton on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

IN THE CHAIR: MR G. SPÉNALE

President

Lady Elles, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr Bersani, Mr Cousté, Mr Lemoine and Mr Spinelli spoke.

The President declared the debate on the two oral questions closed.

Technology, and Mr Noè on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group.

Communication on problems of nuclear safety, and draft Council resolution

IN THE CHAIR: MR J. SANTER

Vice-President

Mrs Orth, deputizing for Mr Willi Müller, introduced the report drawn up by the latter on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 5/75) on technological problems of nuclear safety, and draft resolution (Doc. 49/75).

The following spoke: Lord Bessborough on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Lemoine on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Scelba, Mr Espersen and Mr Spinelli, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*.

The following spoke: Mrs Walz, *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Committee on Energy, Research and*

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council and the draft resolution on technological problems of nuclear safety (COM(75) 60 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 5/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and the Opinion of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. 49/75),
1. In principle views the Commission's proposals positively since they meet its request for account to be taken of safety requirements and of the need to protect the public and the environment in view of the rapid increase in the generation of nuclear energy;
 2. Points out, however, that the adoption of the draft resolution will not be enough and that the Commission must submit practical proposals for the harmonization of national safety provisions without delay with the object of ensuring optimum protection of the working man and of the public and eliminating and preventing obstacles to trade;
 3. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission has taken account not only of the actual problem of nuclear safety but also of the wider range of general safety factors involved in the utilization of nuclear energy and sets great store by the Commission submitting as soon as possible practical proposals for safety provisions, particularly as regards the transport of radioactive substances, the distribution and storage of radioactive waste and the decommissioning of nuclear power stations;
 4. Calls on the Council to instruct the Commission, as the latter requests, to negotiate with the appropriate authorities in the USA on a protocol specifically directed towards safety in the nuclear energy sector;
 5. Requests the Commission also to make contact with third countries bordering the Community, with the object of minimizing dangers to the public on one side of a frontier caused by deficiencies in nuclear safety on the other;
 6. Calls on the Commission to submit within a reasonable period proposals concerning the scope and implementation of joint action to coordinate research in the field of nuclear safety pursuant to the first paragraph of Article 116 of the EEC Treaty;

7. Considers that the back-up studies proposed by the Commission will be beneficial only if the Member States are induced to cooperate closely in this field, under the guidance of the Commission and with the Committee for Scientific and Technical Research (CREST) involved;

8. Again protests in the strongest possible terms at the belated consultation, which has made it extremely difficult to deliver a comprehensive Opinion.

Directive on the commencement and carrying on of the business of credit institutions

Mr Willem Scholten 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. 435/74) for a Directive on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions governing the commencement and carrying on of the business of credit institutions (Doc. 66/75).

The following spoke: Mr Broeks on behalf of the Socialist Group, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams on behalf of the European Conservative Group and Mr Spinelli, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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

The European Parliament,

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 12, 17. 1. 1975, p. 7.

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

5. Refers in particular to the need for uniform provisions to be laid down as soon as possible to define and set out the minimum requirements in respect of credit institutions' own funds;
6. Feels that the European organizations representing the credit institutions must be consulted before proposals are made for further coordination at Community level of provisions concerning banking;
7. Considers it appropriate — as is apparent from one of the proposed amendments — for the field of application of the Directive to be extended and stresses that distortions of competition may result from the exempting provisions if they are not applied uniformly in the Member States;
8. Requests the Commission to consider whether Community provisions should later be made to ensure that different kinds of credit institutions in the various national markets should be subject to uniform conditions of competition;
9. Refers to the need for the representatives of the competent authorities in the Member States to be able to deal with specific cases and to fulfil their supervisory functions in a narrower framework than that of the Contact Committee;
10. Stresses that the setting up of a Contact Committee does not relieve the Commission of its right and duty to take the initiative when greater harmonization of provisions on banking is to be achieved;
11. Further requests the Commission to submit in particular proposals for Community provisions concerning the specific problems raised by concentrations and mergers in banking;
12. Requests the Commission to make the following amendments to its proposal pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty;
13. Approves the Commission's proposal subject to these amendments being made;
14. Urges the Council to approve the Commission's amended proposal as quickly as possible;
15. Also urges the Commission and Council to take steps to ensure that the Council Directive of 28 June 1973 ⁽¹⁾ is in practice observed by all the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 194, 16. 7. 1973.

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TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Proposal for a directive on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions governing the commencement and carrying on of the business of credit institutions

Preamble and first to fifth recitals unchanged

Sixth recital

Whereas the above aim can be achieved only if assessment criteria which allow certain supervisory authorities particularly wide discretionary powers are progressively reduced; *whereas, from this point of*

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⁽¹⁾ For complete text, see OJ No C 12, 17. 1. 1975, p. 7.

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view, the requirement to produce an operating programme should be seen merely as a factor enabling the competent authorities to act on the basis of more precise information, within the framework of objective criteria;

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Seventh to tenth recitals unchanged

Eleventh recital

Whereas the Contact Committee should be involved in the development and implementation of effective controls over the foreign exchange transactions of the various credit institutions; whereas, however, it is not its responsibility to supervise the foreign exchange markets or parts thereof;

Twelfth recital

Whereas, in order to acquit itself of actual control tasks, particularly with regard to individual cases, the Contact Committee must be able to meet in the absence of representatives of the Commission;

Thirteenth recital

Whereas, the setting up of the Contact Committee does not relieve the Commission of its right and duty to take the initiative when greater harmonization of provisions on banking is to be achieved;

The original eleventh recital becomes the fourteenth recital.

Article 1

For the purposes of this Directive:

- 'credit institution' means an undertaking whose usual business is to receive, directly or indirectly, deposits or other repayable monies from the public and to grant credits for its own account;
- 'authorization' means an instrument issued under any form by a public authority, by which the right to carry on the business of a credit institution is granted;
- 'branch' means a place of business which forms a legally dependent part of a credit institution and which conducts directly the operations inherent in the business referred to above. Any number of branches set up in the same Member State by a credit institution having its head office in another

Article 1

For the purposes of this Directive:

- 'credit institution' means an undertaking whose usual business is to receive, directly or indirectly, deposits or other repayable monies from the public and to grant credits for its own account or make investments;
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- 'branch' means a place of business which forms a legally dependent part of a credit institution and which conducts directly the operations inherent in the business referred to above. Any number of branches set up in the same Member State by a credit institution having its head office in another

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Member State shall be regarded as a single branch. *Any number of credit institutions affiliated to a central organization which, under national regulations, guarantees the totality of their engagements, may be regarded as branches;*

- 'competent authorities' means the authorities to which Member States entrust the application of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to credit institutions and the supervision of them.

Article 2

1. This Directive applies to the commencement and carrying on of business by credit institutions.

2. It does not apply to:

- the central banks of Member States;
- *Post Office Giro institutions;*
- institutions whose object is to promote regional development in Member States;
- in Germany, the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau;
- in France, the Banque Française du Commerce Extérieur
- in the Netherlands, the NV Export-Financiering-Maatschappij, the Nederlandse Financieringsmaatschappij voor Ontwikkelingslanden NV and the Nederlandse Investeringsbank voor Ontwikkelingslanden NV.

3. Member States may defer application of this Directive to certain types or groups of credit institutions where immediate application of the coordinated rules would cause technical problems which cannot be overcome in the short term. These problems may result from the fact that those concerns are submitted to control by an authority different from that normally responsible for control of banks, or from the fact that they are subjected to a particular system of control. In any event such deferment cannot be justified by public law statutes, smallness of size or limited scope of activity in the particular institutions concerned. Deferment can only apply to institutions already existing at the time of the notification of the Directive.

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Member State shall be regarded as a single branch. **Any number of credit institutions in a relationship of mutual liability which is permitted by national legislation, may be regarded as branches, with due exception made for the provisions contained in Article 3 (6) concerning publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities;**

- unchanged

Article 2

1. unchanged

2. It does not apply to:

- the central banks of Member States;
- institutions whose object is to promote regional development in Member States;
- in Germany, the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau;
- in France, the Banque Française du Commerce Extérieur
- in the Netherlands, the NV Export-Financiering-Maatschappij, the Nederlandse Financieringsmaatschappij voor Ontwikkelingslanden NV and the Nederlandse Investeringsbank voor Ontwikkelingslanden NV.

3. unchanged

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4. The deferment of application under paragraph 3 above shall be motivated and notified to the Commission by the Member State in question. Deferment shall be for a period of two years and may be renewed following consultation of the Committee referred to in Article 11. It shall take effect as from its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, which shall be effected not later than six months following notification of this Directive.

On the recommendation of the Commission, which shall consult the said Committee, the Council shall decide the termination of such deferment by a Member State.

Article 3

1. Member States shall provide that credit institutions subject to the provisions of this Directive shall have obtained authorization before they commence their activities. They shall, subject to paragraphs 2 and 3 below, determine the requirements for authorization and notify them to the *Commission*.

2. Without prejudice to any other requirements which may be laid down under national legislation, the competent authorities shall not grant authorization where:

- the credit institution does not possess adequate own funds;
- the persons who effectively manage its business are not adequately qualified or reputable.

3. *Member States shall, in addition, require applications for authorization to be accompanied by a programme of operations in which, in particular, the types of business envisaged and the structural organization of the institution must be indicated.*

4. The Committee provided for in Article 11 shall examine the definitions used by the competent authorities concerning the conditions contained in

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1. Member States shall provide that credit institutions subject to the provisions of this Directive shall have obtained authorization before they commence their activities. They shall, subject to paragraphs 2 and 3 below, determine the requirements for authorization and notify them to the **committee**.

2. Without prejudice to any other requirements which may be laid down under national legislation, the competent authorities shall not grant authorization where:

- **the credit institution does not possess separate own funds, for example where it is formed by one natural person;**
- the credit institution does not possess adequate own funds;
- the persons who effectively manage its business are not adequately qualified or reputable.

3. **During the assessment of an application account may not be taken of the economic requirements of the market.**

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paragraph 2 and the information which should be included in the scheme of operations, and shall if necessary propose to the Commission more detailed coordination.

5. Reasons must be given for any refusal of authorization, and must be notified to the applicant within six months of receipt of the application or, if the latter is incomplete, not later than six months following receipt of documents containing all the information required under the provisions in force.

6. Every authorization or refusal shall be notified to the Commission. Each credit institution shall be entered in a list to be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and to be maintained by the *Commission*.

Article 4

1. Pending further coordination enabling branches to be established throughout the Community without undergoing any authorization procedure, Member States may make the commencement of business in their territory by branches of the credit institutions covered by this Directive which have their head office in another Member State subject to authorization according to the law and procedure applicable to credit institutions established on their territory.

2. However, Member States may not refuse authorization to branches of credit institutions on the sole ground that it is established in another Member State in a legal form which is not allowed in the case of a credit institution carrying out analogous activities in the host country. *This provision shall not apply, however, to credit institutions formed by one natural person.*

3. The competent authorities shall inform the *Commission* of their response to applications for authorization to set up such branches which are submitted to them.

4. The provisions of this Article shall be without prejudice to the rules applied by Member States to branches set up in their territory by credit institutions which have their head office there. Notwithstanding the provisions of the third indent of Article 1, second sentence, the law of Member States by which a separate authorization is required for each branch opened by a credit institution in their territory shall apply equally to the branches of credit institutions whose head office is in another Member State.

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

5. unchanged

6. Every authorization or refusal shall be notified to the Commission. Each credit institution shall be entered in a list to be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and to be maintained by the *committee*.

Article 4

1. unchanged

2. However, Member States may not refuse authorization to branches of credit institutions on the sole ground that it is established in another Member State in a legal form which is not allowed in the case of a credit institution carrying out analogous activities in the host country.

3. The competent authorities shall inform the *committee* of their response to applications for authorization to set up such branches which are submitted to them.

4. unchanged

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Article 5

Credit institutions to which this Directive applies may, notwithstanding any provisions concerning the use of the words 'bank', 'savings bank' or other similar descriptions which may exist in the host country, use throughout the territory of the Community the same name as they use in the country where their head office is situated. In the event of there being any danger of confusion, the competent authorities of the host Member States *may* for purposes of clarification require the addition to the name of a short explicative phrase.

Article 6

1. Pending more intensive coordination, the competent authorities shall, for purposes of observation and in addition to any eventual ratios which may be established by them, ascertain the following ratios with a view to examining the financial soundness of institutions to which this Directive applies:

- (a) the ratio of own funds to deposits;
 - (b) the ratio of own funds to total assets; however, the competent authorities may exclude certain classes of assets which do not carry any risk, such as claims on or guaranteed by a Member State;
 - (c) the ratio of own funds to nonliquid assets;
 - (d) the ratio of current liabilities to liquid assets.
2. The ratios specified in paragraph 1 shall be calculated at least every three months by the competent authorities.
3. The competent authorities shall examine, in the committee provided for in Article 11, the desirability:
- (a) of ascertaining, in addition to the ratios specified in paragraph 1, the ratio of own funds to total open foreign exchange positions, both spot and forward on the one hand, and the ratio of own funds to the same positions with the different maturities taken into account on the other hand;

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Article 6

1. unchanged

2. unchanged

3. unchanged

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- (b) of extending the ratio specified in paragraph 1 (a) to all or part of current liabilities and of prescribing that Member States shall ascertain either this ratio or that specified in paragraph 1 (b);
- (c) of completing or replacing the ratio specified in paragraph 1 (b) by a ratio of short term current liabilities to liquid assets, and by a ratio of all or part of current liabilities to assets invested at medium or long term.

4. *After consultation of the Committee provided for in Article 11*, the Commission may alter the list of ratios in paragraph 1 to take account of structural changes in the field covered by this Directive.

5. The competent authorities shall, within the Committee provided for in Article 11 and with a view to their coordination, examine the methods of calculating the ratios specified in paragraph 1 above and, in particular, the precise definitions to be given to the various constituent parts; this examination shall be based on the results of the calculations obtained for comparable groups of credit institutions.

4. If the Committee provided for in Article 11 agrees, the Commission may alter the list of ratios in paragraph 1 to take account of structural changes in the field covered by this Directive.

5. unchanged

Article 7 unchanged

Article 8

1. The competent authorities shall withdraw the authorization issued to a credit institution to which this Directive applies or to a branch authorized under Article 4 where such institution or branch:

- (a) does not make use of the authorization within six months, expressly renounces the authorization or has ceased to engage in business for more than six months (if the Member State concerned does not provide for the authorization to lapse in such cases);
- (b) obtained the authorization by deliberately giving false information or by other irregular means;
- (c) no longer fulfils the conditions under which authorization was granted, with the exception of those in respect of own funds;
- (d) no longer possesses sufficient own funds or endowment capital, or no longer has the required solvency or liquidity;

Article 8

1. unchanged

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(e) fails fundamentally to fulfil its other obligations under national regulations where these expressly contain a measure providing for the withdrawal of authorization on this ground.

2. In addition, the authorization issued to a branch under Article 4 shall be withdrawn if the competent authority of the country in which the credit institution which established the branch has its head office has withdrawn authorization from that institution.

3. Withdrawal under paragraph 1 (c) and (d) shall be effected only if the measures prescribed by the competent authorities for correcting the situation of the institutions or the branch do not seem likely to be successful or are not adopted by the institution or branch.

4. Before withdrawing from a branch an authorization granted under Article 4, the competent authority of the Member State in which its head office is situated shall be consulted. Where immediate action is called for, notification may take the place of such consultation. The same procedure shall occur, by analogy, in cases of withdrawal of authorization from an institution which has branches in other Member States.

5. Reasons must be given for any withdrawal of authorization, which must be notified to the parties concerned and to the *Commission*.

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5. Reasons must be given for any withdrawal of authorization, which must be notified to the parties concerned and to the **Committee**.

Article 9 u n c h a n g e d

Article 10

Article 10

1. Credit institutions to which this Directive applies which *lawfully* commenced business before the entry into force of the provisions of this Directive shall be deemed to be authorized. They must satisfy the condition laid down in the second indent of Article 3 (2) and shall be subject to the provisions of this Directive concerning the carrying on of business by credit institutions. They shall be included in the list provided for in Article 3 (6).

2. Branches, which before the entry into force of this Directive were *lawfully* set up in a Member State

1. Credit institutions to which this Directive applies which commenced business **in accordance with the laws of the State in which their headquarters** are situated before the entry into force of the provisions of this Directive shall be deemed to be authorized. They must satisfy the condition laid down in the second indent of Article 3 (2) and shall be subject to the provisions of this Directive concerning the carrying on of business by credit institutions. They shall be included in the list provided for in Article 3 (6).

2. Branches, which before the entry into force of this Directive were set up **in accordance with the laws**

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which requires such branches to be authorized by a credit institution subject to this Directive, shall be deemed to be authorized and shall be subject to this Directive.

3. If an institution or a branch deemed to be authorized under paragraphs 1 or 2 has not undergone any authorization procedure prior to commencing business, a prohibition on the carrying on of their business shall take the place of withdrawal of authorization. Article 8 shall in such circumstances apply by analogy.

Article 11

1. *There shall be set up alongside the Commission a Contact Committee* having the following tasks:

(a) of facilitating, without prejudice to the provisions of Articles 169 and 170 of the Treaty, a uniform application of the Directives adopted by the Council with regard to credit institutions, by regular consideration of the concrete problems involved in their application;

(b) of facilitating a common attitude among competent authorities concerning the setting up of credit institutions and their operations; this concertation shall cover in particular:

— decisions of Member States about deferring the application of this Directive;

— conditions of authorization for new credit institutions or for branches of credit institutions based in another Member State or outside the Community;

— ratios of certain items of balance sheets set out in Article 6;

— withdrawal of authorizations;

— notifications to the Commission of changes in national laws affecting the sector covered by this Directive;

(c) of assisting the Commission in the preparation of new proposals to the Council concerning further coordination, of advising on the evolution and structure of the banking sector;

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of the State in which the branches' headquarters are situated, in a Member State which requires such branches to be authorized by a credit institution subject to this Directive, shall be deemed to be authorized and shall be subject to this Directive.

3. unchanged

Article 11

1. A Contact Committee shall be set up having the following tasks:

(a) unchanged

(b) unchanged

(c) unchanged

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(d) of putting into effect the cooperation provided for in Article 7 of Directive No 73/183/EEC of 28 June 1973.

2. The Contact Committee shall be composed of a maximum of two representatives of the supervisory authorities of each Member State, together with two representatives of the Commission. These representatives may be accompanied from time to time and by prior agreement of the Committee by one or more advisers. *The secretariat will be provided by the Commission.*

3. The first meeting of the committee shall be convened by the Commission under the chairmanship of one of its representatives. At that meeting, the committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure and shall also elect its Chairman and Deputy-Chairman.

4. The offices of President and Vice-President shall be filled in rotation, for one year at a time, by members representing the competent authorities of one and the same Member State.

5. Meetings of the committee shall be convoked by its President, either on his own initiative or at the request of one of its members.

6. All the committee's discussions shall be subject to the obligation of professional secrecy, as specified in Article 12 (1) and (2). The content of such discussion may not be made public in any way save with the express consent of the committee.

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(d) unchanged

2. The Contact Committee shall be composed of a maximum of two representatives of the supervisory authorities of each Member State, together with two representatives of the Commission. These representatives may be accompanied from time to time and by prior agreement of the Committee by one or more advisers.

3. The two representatives of the Commission shall not attend the meetings of the Committee when it is discussing subjects relating to the actual supervision of credit matters and, in particular, specific cases.

4. The secretariat will be provided by the Commission but its procedure and organization shall be established by the committee.

5. The first meeting of the committee shall be convened by the Commission under the chairmanship of one of its representatives. At that meeting, the committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure and shall also elect its Chairman and Deputy-Chairman.

6. unchanged

7. unchanged

8. unchanged

Articles 12, 13 and 14 unchanged

The sitting was suspended at 1.10 p.m. and resumed at 3 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: LORD BESSBOROUGH
Vice-President

Decision empowering the Commission to issue Euratom loans — Referral of a report back to committee

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Mr Linus Memmel on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 480/74) for a Decision empowering the Commission to issue Euratom loans with a view to a Community contribution towards the financing of nuclear power stations (Doc. 79/75).

Mr Behrendt moved on behalf of the Socialist Group that this report be referred back to committee.

The following spoke on this motion: Mr Normanton on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Normanton, Mr Memmel, *Rapporteur*, and Mr Lagorce, *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets*.

Parliament rejected the motion for referral of the report back to committee.

Mr Memmel introduced his report.

The following spoke: Mr Lagorce on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Normanton on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Spinelli, *Member*

of the Commission of the European Communities, and Mr Memmel.

Mr Flämig, *Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology*, moved that Mr Memmel's report be referred back to this committee.

The President announced that pursuant to Rule 26 (2) of the Rules of Procedure the report will be referred back to committee.

Regulations on Community tariff quotas for bulls, cows and heifers of certain mountain breeds

The next item on the agenda was the second report drawn up by Mr Jan Baas drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 503/74) for:

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

(Doc. 98/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

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

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

The European Parliament,

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

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

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

Decision on the establishment by Norway of fishing zones

Mr Knud Thomsen introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the recommendation from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 27/75) for a Decision approving the exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the establishment by Norway of fishing zones closed to trawlers at certain times of the year (Doc. 65/75).

IN THE CHAIR: MR M. YEATS

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Corrie on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Laban, Mr Nyborg, Mr Spinelli, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Spinelli.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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

The European Parliament,

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

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

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

Regulation on a Community tariff quota for apricot pulp from Israel

Mr Thomsen, deputizing for Mr Gabriel Kaspareit, introduced the report drawn up by the latter on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 61/75) for a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administrative of a Community tariff quota for apricot pulp falling within subheading ex 20.06 B II c) aa) of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Israel (Doc. 95/75).

Mr Scott-Hopkins spoke.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

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

The European Parliament,

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

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 96, 29. 4. 1975, p. 1.

Regulations on farmyard poultry, ovalbumin and lactalbumin, slaughtered pigs and the scale for grading pig carcasses

Mr De Clercq, deputizing for Mr Pierre Bourdèlles, introduced the report drawn up by the latter on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 531/74) for:

- I. a Regulation on the production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard poultry chicks

- II. a Regulation on the common system of trade for ovalbumin and lactalbumin
 - III. a Regulation fixing the basic price and the standard quality for slaughtered pigs for the period from 1 November 1974 to 31 October 1975
 - IV. a Regulation determining the Community scale for grading pig carcasses
- (Doc. 75/75).

Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Spinelli, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, spoke.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

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

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

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 531/74),
- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation establishing a procedure of consolidation (Doc. 203/73),
- having regard to the report drawn up on this proposal (Doc 46/74),
- having regard to the proposals for consolidation of the Decisions adopted within the framework of the common agricultural policy, which proposals are set out in the memorandum of the Commission on the improvement of the common agricultural policy (Doc. 251/73),
- having regard to the report drawn up on this memorandum (Doc. 337/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 75/75),

1. Approves the Commission's proposals for consolidation of the existing regulations;
2. Stresses that approval of these measures, which are designed to clarify the relevant provisions, should not be interpreted as an assessment of their content;
3. Notes that the proposals make no changes of substance to the Regulations concerned; nevertheless requests the Commission, at some time in the future, to bring previous Regulations up to date within the framework of consolidation;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 65, 20. 3. 1975, p. 1.

4. Requests the Commission to continue consolidation in other sectors, without departing from the principle essential to rigorous consolidation, of equivalence between the content of new and existing texts;
5. Stresses the need to consult Parliament on future proposals designed to consolidate basic Regulations in the agricultural sector, and requests the Commission to use whenever possible the 'constituent' procedure of consolidation.

Regulation on certain products processed from potatoes

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Mr Isidor Früh on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 60/75) for a Regulation extending the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 1067/74 on the common organization of the market in dehydrated fodder to cover certain products processed from potatoes (Doc. 96/75).

Mr Scott-Hopkins spoke on a question of procedure.

Mr Laban, *Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture*, introduced Mr Früh's report.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

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

The European Parliament,

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

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(1) OJ No C 96, 29. 4. 1975, p. 9.

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 16 to 20 June 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 that day's proceedings.

The sitting was closed at 4.40 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Michael B. YEATS
Vice-President
