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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1976/77 SESSION

Sitting from 5 to 9 July 1976

European Centre, Kirchberg — Luxembourg

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF MONDAY, 5 JULY 1976

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. SPÉNALE

President

The sitting was opened at 7.05 p.m.

Resumption of session

The President declared resumed the session of the European Parliament adjourned on 18 June 1976.

Verification of credentials

On a proposal from the Bureau which had established at its meeting of 24 June 1976, pursuant to Rule 3 (1) of the Rules of Procedure, that the appointment of Mr Haase as member of the European Parliament complied with the provisions of the Treaties, Parliament ratified this appointment.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following documents:

(a) from the Council, requests for an opinion on:

— the proposals from the Commission to the Council for:

— a Regulation laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of aid to producers for the 1975 harvest;

— a Regulation laying down special measures for stabilizing the market in hops

(Doc. 182/76).

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

- the communication from the Commission to the Council concerning the second instalment of 95 000 metric tons under the 1976 skimmed-milk powder food-aid programme (Doc. 183/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Development and Cooperation as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Agriculture for their opinions;

- the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2/71 implementing the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from the Member States by the Communities own resources (Doc. 184/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

- the communication from the Commission to the Council concerning the signature and conclusion of a Framework Agreement for commercial and economic cooperation between Canada and the European Communities (Doc. 213/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Energy and Research for their opinions;

- the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1930/75 laying down special provisions applicable to trade in tomato concentrates between the Community as originally constituted and the new Member States (Doc. 214/76).

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

(b) from the committees, the following reports:

- report by Mr Scott-Hopkins, on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the outcome of the mission by a delegation from the European Parliament to the countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and on future relations between the European Community and ASEAN (Doc. 181/76);

- report by Mr Yeats, on behalf the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, on the provisions of the Rules of Procedure relating to the consultation procedure (Rules 22, (27A) and 42) — (Doc. 196/76);

- report by Mr Hamilton, on behalf of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, on the amendment of Chapter XI of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament (Doc. 197/76);

- report by Mr Martens, on behalf of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, on the amendment of Chapters I to X, XIII and XIV of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament (Doc. 198/76);

- report by Mr Willi Müller, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 59/76) for a Directive on the limitation of noise emission from subsonic aircraft (Doc. 199/76);

- interim report by Mr Guldberg, on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the communication and proposals from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 319/75) concerning an Action Programme for the European Aeronautical Sector (Doc. 203/76);

- report by Lord Walston, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 129/76) for a Directive amending Directives 72/159/EEC, 72/160/EEC, 72/161/EEC, 73/131/EEC and 75/268/EEC on the reform of agriculture (Doc. 204/76);

- report by Lady Fisher, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 113/76) for a Decision establishing a uniform procedure for the exchange of information on the quality of surface fresh water in the Community (Doc. 205/76);

- report by Mr Herbert, on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport, on the amended proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 465/75) for a Directive on the harmonization of the laws relating to motor vehicle driving licences (Doc. 206/76);

- report by Miss Flesch, on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 161/76) for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3015/75 opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for raw or unmanufactured flue-cured Virginia type tobacco (Doc. 207/76);
 - report by Mr Broeksz, on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 183/76) for a Regulation amending the Regulation laying down the general rules for the supply of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 programme (Doc. 208/76);
 - report by Mr Berkhouwer, on behalf of Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, on the addition to the Rules of Procedure of a new Rule 22A on the conciliation procedure embodied in the joint declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 4 March 1975 (Doc. 210/76);
 - report by Mr Walkhoff, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 52/76) for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs for sales to the ultimate consumer (Doc. 211/76);
 - report by Mr Jahn, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on a draft Council resolution (Doc. 51/76) on the continuation and implementation of a European Community policy and Action Programme on the Environment (Doc. 215/76);
 - report by Lord Bethell, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 497/75) for a Directive concerning the dumping of wastes at sea (Doc. 216/76);
 - report by Mr Walkhoff, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 68/76) for a Directive on the harmonization of the legal and administrative regulations of the Member States on the provision of safety information at the work place (Doc. 217/76);
- (c) the following oral questions:
- oral question with debate by Mr Terrenoire, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, to the Council on unemployment among young people (Doc. 185/76);
 - oral question with debate by Lord Walston, Mr Hansen, Mr Espersen, Lord Bruce, Mr Broeksz and Mr Frehsee, to the Council on skimmed-milk powder (Doc. 186/76);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Durieux, Mr Hougardy and Mr Caillavet, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, to the Council on tax harmonization in the EEC (Doc. 187/76);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Durieux, Mr Hougardy and Mr Caillavet, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, to the Commission on tax harmonization in the EEC (Doc. 188/76);
 - oral question with debate by Mr McDonald, Mr Creed, Mr Dunne, Mr Mursch, Mr Kavanagh and Mr Osborn, to the Commission on the European Regional Development Fund (Doc. 189/76);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Broeksz, Mr Corona, Mr Glinne, Mr Knud Nielsen, Mr Radoux, Mr Schuijt and Mr Stewart, to the Council and Commission on the violation of human rights and democratic freedoms in Argentina (Doc. 190/76);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Kofoed, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, to the Council on the provisional results of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (Doc. 191/76);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Kofoed, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group to the Commission on the provisional results of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (Doc. 192/76);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Shaw, on behalf of the European Conservative Group,

to the Commission on the control of the common agricultural policy (Doc. 193/76);

— oral question with debate by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to the Commission of the European Communities on the outcome of the Tripartite Conference of 24 June 1976 (Doc. 194/76);

— oral question with debate by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to the Commission on the effects on integration policy of the Italian control regulations concerning foreign exchange and currency movements (Doc. 195/76);

— oral question with debate by Mr Fellermaier, on behalf of the Socialist Group, to the Commission on obstacles to travel in the Community (Doc. 200/76);

(d) from the EEC-Greece Association Council, the report on the activities of the EEC-Greece Association Council (June 1975 to May 1976) — (Doc. 209/76).

This document had been referred, for information, to the Committee on External Economic Relations, the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Agriculture;

(e) from the Council, a letter concerning the resolution of the European Parliament of 13 May 1976 on certain budgetary questions (Doc. 212/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets.

Texts of Treaties forwarded by the Council

The President announced that he had received from the Council certified true copies of the following documents:

— notice of the completion by the Community of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia;

— notice of the completion by the Community of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of Algeria;

— notice of the completion by the Community of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco.

Tabling and reference to committee of a motion for a resolution

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Mursch, Mr Albers, Mr Delmotte, Mr Früh, Mr Gerlach, Mr Giraud, Mr van der Gun, Mr Hamilton, Mr Härzschel, Mr Klepsch, Mr McDonald, Mr Knud Nielsen, Mr Noè, Mr Nyborg, Mr Schwörer, Mr Seefeld and Mr Vandewiele on an action against the Council because of the latter's failure to act on the common transport policy (Doc. 202/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport as the committee responsible and to the Political Affairs Committee and the Legal Affairs Committee for their opinions.

Limitation of speaking time

On a proposal from the President, Parliament decided to limit speaking time on all reports on the agenda to:

- 15 minutes for the rapporteur and for one speaker on behalf of each group,
- 10 minutes for other speakers, and
- 5 minutes for speakers on amendments.

Speaking time on oral questions with debate was limited to:

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

Order of business

After the following had spoken: Mr Jahn, Mr Houdet, *Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture*, Mr Walkhoff, Mr Memmel, Mr Gundelach, *Member of the Commission*, Mr Van der Hek, *Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs*, Mr Marras on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Laban, Mr Van der Hek, Mr Jahn, Mr Memmel, Mr Houdet, Mr Gundelach, Mr Houdet, Mr Gundelach, Mrs Dunwoody, speaking on a question of procedure, and Mr Marras,

Parliament decided on a proposal from its President to place the following reports on the agenda, to be dealt with by urgent procedure:

- Jahn report on a common environmental policy;
- Liogier report on tomato concentrates;
- Früh report on hops;
- Hansen report on wines from Turkey;
- Walkhoff report on the labelling of foodstuffs;
- Walkhoff report on safety information at the place of work.

On a proposal from the President, Parliament adopted the following agenda for the present part-session:

Tuesday, 6 July 1976

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

- Commission statement on action taken on the opinions of Parliament;
- Guldberg interim report on the European aeronautical sector;
- Artzinger report on taxes on manufactured tobacco;
- Stewart motion for a resolution on a uniform passport;
- joint debate on the Yeats, Hamilton and Martens reports on the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament (3 p.m.);
- Commission statement on the 1977 preliminary draft budget;
- oral question with debate to the Commission on the control of the common agricultural policy.

The Cointat report on the financial forecasts for 1976, 1977 and 1978 had been withdrawn from the agenda.

Wednesday, 7 July 1976

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- Question Time;
- oral questions with debate to the Council and Commission on tax harmonization in the EEC;
- vote on the motions for resolutions contained in the Yeats, Hamilton and Martens reports on the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament (12 noon);
- Council statement on the work programme of the Dutch presidency;
- oral questions with debate to the Council and Commission on the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea;
- oral question with debate to the Council and Commission on the violation of human rights in Argentina;

- oral question with debate to the Council on unemployment among young people;

- oral question with debate to the Council on skimmed-milk powder;

- oral question with debate to the Commission on EEC-US trade relations;

- Scott-Hopkins report on the Parliament mission to the ASEAN countries;

- Klepsch report on EEC-Iran economic relations.

Thursday, 8 July 1976

10 a.m., 3 p.m. and possibly in the evening:

- Meintz report on the social situation in the Community in 1975;

- oral question with debate to the Commission on the Tripartite Conference of 24 June 1976;

- oral question with debate to the Commission on Italian control regulations on foreign exchange (this question was transferred to this place on the agenda at the Commission's request);

- statement by the Committee on Agriculture on the drought;
- Howell report on the processing of agricultural products;
- Walston report on the reform of agriculture;
- Liogier report on tomato concentrate;
- Früh report on hops;
- Hansen report on wines from Turkey;
- Jahn report on a common environmental policy;
- Fisher report on the quality of surface fresh water;
- oral question with debate to the Commission on the European Regional Development Fund.

Friday, 9 July 1976

9.30 a.m.:

- possibly, continuation of Thursday's agenda;
- oral question with debate to the Commission on obstacles to travel in the Community;
- Walkhoff report on the labelling of foodstuffs;
- Walkhoff report on safety information at the place of work;
- Flesch report on raw tobacco;

- Broeks report on the supply of skimmed-milk powder;
- (these last two reports, which had been submitted within the time limit laid down in the Rules of Procedure, were placed on the agenda at the request of the Committee on Development and Cooperation);
- Willi Müller report on noise emission from subsonic aircraft.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Tuesday, 6 July 1976:

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

- Commission statement on action taken on the opinions of Parliament;
- Guldberg interim report on the European aeronautical sector;
- Artzinger report on taxes on manufactured tobacco;
- Stewart motion for a resolution on a uniform passport;
- joint debate on the Yeats, Hamilton and Martens reports on the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament;
- Commission statement on the 1977 preliminary draft budget;
- oral question with debate to the Commission on the control of the common agricultural policy.

The sitting was closed at 7.40 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

CORNELIS BERKHOUWER
Vice-President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, 6 JULY 1976

IN THE CHAIR: Mr C. BERKHOUWER

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.

Procedural motion

Mr Fellermaier spoke on behalf of the Socialist Group on a procedural motion.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following documents:

- (a) from the Council a request for an opinion on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a Regulation extending for the fifth time the system of partial and temporary suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to wines originating in and coming from Turkey, provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2823/71 (Doc. 219/76).

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

- (b) from Mr Aigner, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, a report on the second list of requests to carry forward appropriations from the financial year 1975 to the financial year 1976 (appropriations not automatically carried forward) — (Doc. 159/76) — (Doc. 218/76);
- (c) oral questions from Mr Durieux, Mr Hamilton, Mr Cousté, Mr Dondelinger, Mr De Clercq, Mr Fletcher, Mrs Ewing, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mr Ellis, Mr Evans, Mr Creed, Mr Cointat, Mr Nyborg, Miss Flesch, Lord Bethell, Mr Spicer, Mr Kavanagh, Mr Lenihan, Mr Nolan, Miss Boothroyd, Mr Bangemann, Mr Früh, Mr Schwörer, Mr Klepsch, Mrs Caretoni Romagnoli and Mr Osborn, pursuant to Rule 47A of the Rules of Procedure, for Question Time on 7 July 1976 (Doc. 201/76).

Change in agenda

On a proposal from Mr Fellermaier, Parliament decided to remove from the agenda for that part-session the item on action taken by the Commission on the opinions of Parliament since the Commission was not represented in the Chamber.

Communication on an Action Programme for the European Aeronautical Sector

Mr Guldberg introduced his interim report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the report and proposals from the Commission to the Council on an Action Programme for the European Aeronautical Sector (Doc. 319/75) — (Doc. 203/76).

Change in agenda (continued)

Mr Simonet, *Vice-President of the Commission*, explained the Commission's absence at the beginning of the sitting.

Communication on an Action Programme for the European Aeronautical Sector (continued)

The following spoke: Mr Jahn, *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Political Affairs Committee*, Mr Noè *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport*, Mr Lange, deputizing for the *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets*, Mr Albertsen, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mrs Walz, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Bangemann, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Cousté, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Normanton, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Leonardi, on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Lord Gladwyn, Mr Osborn, Mr Mitchell, Mr Dalyell, Mr Ellis, Mr Premoli and Mr Simonet, *Vice-President of the Commission*.

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

On paragraph 2, Mr Terrenoire had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendment No 2, which he now moved.

The rapporteur and Mr Normanton spoke.

Amendment No 2 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 2, accordingly amended, then paragraph 3.

On paragraph 4, Mr Terrenoire had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendment No 1, which he now moved.

The rapporteur, Mr Giraud and Mr Mitchell spoke.

Amendment No 1 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 4.

Mr Terrenoire had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendment No 3,

proposing the insertion of a new paragraph after paragraph 4; he now moved this amendment.

The rapporteur, Mr Cousté and Mr Dalyell spoke.

Amendment No 3 was rejected.

Mr Broeksz requested a separate vote on paragraphs 16 and 17.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 5 to 15.

Parliament adopted consecutively paragraphs 16 and 17.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 18 and 19.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the report and proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on an Action Programme for the European Aeronautical Sector

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission report and proposals ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 84 (2) and 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 319/75),
- having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the opinions of the Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 203/76)

as regards the aircraft industry policy

1. Draws attention to the fact that there has been a considerable fall in the European aircraft industry's share of the market in recent years;
2. Affirms the need to increase European aircraft manufacturers' competitiveness at international level by pursuing without delay a common industrial policy in order to ensure employment and promote research and production within the industry;
3. Recalls its interest in the objectives of the Commission's proposal;
4. Stresses the need for cooperation between the Community aircraft industry and manufacturers outside the Community to be on an equal basis, so that the Community aircraft industry does not end up in the precarious position of subcontractor;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 265, 19. 11. 1975, p. 2.

5. Agrees that the introduction of a common aircraft industry policy may make it necessary for the Member States to transfer considerable resources to the Community budget;

6. Nevertheless reserves its final judgement on the size and form of such expenditure and stresses that the final shape of the policy will have to be the subject of agreement between the Council and the European Parliament under the conciliation procedure;

as regards the air transport policy

7. Approves the objective of creating a common European airspace ⁽¹⁾;

8. Feels, however, that the Commission's proposal is not very precise and that it is impossible on the facts available to adopt a position on the formulation of such a policy;

as regards combining a common air transport policy and a common aircraft industry policy

9. Acknowledges that air transport policy and aircraft industry policy are interrelated;

10. Feels, however, that it would take a long time to reach agreement on the formulation of a common air transport policy;

11. Therefore fears that combining these two policies, as proposed by the Commission, would lead to considerable delays in the implementation of a common aircraft industry policy;

12. Therefore recommends that the Commission concentrates on:

- firstly, quickly reaching decisions of principle in the Council on the industrial policy aspects, and
- secondly, putting its ideas and proposals for a common air transport policy into concrete form, and in this connection refers to its resolution of 16 March 1973 ⁽²⁾;

as regards a military aircraft procurement agency

13. Draws attention to the close relationship between the production of military aircraft and the production of civil aircraft;

14. Feels that sales of military aircraft are an essential basis for the future of the European aircraft industry;

15. Therefore regards the proposal as an element in the Community's industrial and employment policies;

16. Fully appreciates, however, the contribution that cooperation within such an agency can make to an understanding of the need for subsequent defence policy cooperation as part of the European union;

17. Requests the European Council to set up the proposed agency and:

- to ensure close contact between the agency and the Commission as regards economic, employment and research aspects;
- to ensure close contact between the agency and the Eurogroup in NATO as regards defence aspects;

⁽¹⁾ Translator's note: Airspace — 'in law, the space above a particular territory, treated as belonging to the government controlling the territory'. (Encyclopaedia Britannica)

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 19, 12. 4. 1973.

18. Will return to the question of parliamentary control of such an agency later;

19. Endorses the Commission's proposal for an Action Programme and requests the Commission to include the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ⁽¹⁾

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Council Decision concerning the creation of a common policy in the civil aircraft and aviation sector

Preamble, recitals and Articles 1 and 2 unchanged

Article 3

1. Action by the Community in the field of air transport shall have as its main objectives:

- (a) the creation of a European airspace, *to be managed on a Community basis and involving the establishment in respect of inter-Community traffic of a system of regulated competition, whose aim will be to provide the public with services better tailored to its needs, at the best prices possible, through the introduction of new services and the diversification of existing services and the rationalization of route network, particularly in inter-regional traffic;*
- (b) the conclusion of agreements between the Community and third countries, particularly in respect of traffic rights and with the aim of optimizing international routes and services;

Article 4

1. The provisions necessary for the implementation of the measures set out in Article 1 shall be adopted by the Council in accordance with the Rules of the Treaty, on proposal from the Commission and *after consultation of the European Parliament.*

2. The provisions required for the realization of the objectives set out in Article 3 shall be adopted by

Article 3

1. Action by the Community in the field of air transport shall have as its main objectives:

- (a) the creation of a European airspace;
- (b) unchanged

2. The Commission shall draw up concrete proposals for a common air transport policy and shall ensure that increased flight safety is included in the overall plan.

Article 4

1. The provisions necessary for the implementation of the measures set out in Article 1 shall be adopted by the Council in accordance with the Rules of the Treaty on proposals from the Commission and **after consultation of the Economic and Social Committee and — in accordance with the conciliation procedure — in agreement with the European Parliament.**

2. The provisions required for the realization of the objectives set out in Article 3 shall, **in accordance**

⁽¹⁾ For full text, see OJ No C 265, 19. 11. 1975, p. 2.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

the Council *acting by a qualified majority* on proposals from the Commission and after consultation of the Economic and Social Committee and the European Parliament.

3. In preparing its proposals the Commission shall consult governmental authorities in the Member States, manufacturers, air transport companies and trade unions. They may present to the Commission any views or suggestions on the measures and objectives set out in Articles 1 and 3.

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

with the provisions of the Treaty, be adopted by the Council on proposals from the Commission and after consultation of the Economic and Social Committee and the European Parliament.

3. The Commission shall, as soon as possible, put forward a timetable and financing plan for further measures.

4. unchanged

Articles 5 and 6 unchanged

Authorization of a report

The President announced that, pursuant to Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure, he had, on behalf of the enlarged Bureau, authorized the Committee on External Economic Relations to draw up a report on the outcome of the last meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC—Turkey Association. He pointed out that the enlarged Bureau wanted this report to be drawn up on the basis of the recommendations adopted in Nice on 28 April 1976 and his note for the enlarged Bureau on his recent official visit to Turkey.

The Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education, and the Committee on Agriculture had been asked for their opinions.

Directive on taxes on manufactured tobacco

Mr Artzinger introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 552/75) for a Directive amending Directive 72/464/EEC on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco (Doc. 128/76).

IN THE CHAIR: Mr W. BEHRENDT
Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Notenboom, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Normanton, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Yeats, Mrs Dunwoody, Mr Simonet, *Vice-President of the Commission* and Mr Artzinger, *Rapporteur*.

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 amending Directive 72/464/EEC on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 99 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 552/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 128/76),

(1) OJ No C 45, 27. 2. 1976, p. 4.

1. Stresses once more the decisive importance of tax harmonization for the establishment of a Community internal market;
2. Approves, while noting the danger of severe disruption of the markets and the extent of Member States' tax revenue involved, the cautious introduction of step by step harmonization of cigarette excise duty structures;
3. Recalls its view ⁽¹⁾ that the aim must be a tax system that is neutral in its effects on competition and promotes market interpenetration, optimum utilization of the tax source while maintaining the same quality and range of products;
4. Approves in this connection the long delayed submission of the proposal for a fifth Directive to harmonize the structure of excise duties on cigarettes;
5. Notes that though this proposal for a Directive introducing the second stage of harmonization delays reaching the final stage by at least 12 months, it does constitute progress towards harmonization;
6. Urges the Commission, in view of the delays which have already occurred and the difficulties to be overcome, to make strenuous efforts to find a solution for the final stage of harmonization;
7. Urges the Council, moreover, to adopt without delay the proposal for a second Directive specifying the groups of products into which manufactured tobacco is to be divided since harmonization can only be effective if it applies to both the basis of assessment and the structure of excise duties.

⁽¹⁾ Doc. 224/68, point 7.

The sitting was suspended at 12.55 p.m. and resumed at 3.05 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. SPÉNALE

President

Change in agenda

On a proposal from the President, Parliament decided to consider the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Stewart on the introduction of a uniform passport (Doc. 55/76) after the joint debate on the Yeats, Hamilton and Martens reports on the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament (Docs. 196/76, 197/76, 198/76).

Amendment of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament (debate)

Parliament then held a joint debate on three reports concerning the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament.

Mr Yeats introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, on the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament relating to the consultation procedure (Rules 22, (27A) and 42) — (Doc. 196/76).

Mr Hamilton, *Chairman of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions*, spoke.

Mr Hamilton introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, on the amendment of Chapter XI of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament (Doc. 197/76).

Mr Martens introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, on the amendment of Chapters I to X, XIII and XIV of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament (Doc. 198/76).

The following spoke: Mr Memmel on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Sir Derek Walker-Smith, on behalf of the European Conservative Group who also moved the amendments which he

had tabled on behalf of that Group, Mr Guerlin who, deputizing for Mr Lagorce, moved the amendment tabled by the latter, Mrs Ewing, Mr Hamilton, *Chairman of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions*, Mr Lange, Mr Memmel and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission*.

The President declared the joint debate closed.

He pointed out that the vote on the motions for resolutions contained in these reports would be held on Wednesday, 7 July 1976 at 12 noon and that, pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure, the resolutions could be adopted only if they secured the votes of a majority of the Members of Parliament.

Addition of a document to the agenda for consideration by urgent procedure

The President announced that the Committee on Budgets had requested, pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, that the report by Mr Aigner on the second list of requests to carry forward appropriations from the financial year 1975 to the financial year 1976 (appropriations not carried forward automatically) (Doc. 159/76) — (Doc. 218/76) should be placed on the agenda for consideration by urgent procedure and voted without debate.

Parliament decided to adopt urgent procedure in respect of this document, which would be placed on the agenda for the sitting of Friday, 9 July 1976 and voted without debate.

Mr Aigner spoke on a question of procedure.

Introduction of a uniform passport

Mr Stewart introduced the motion for a resolution which he had tabled on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee on the introduction of a uniform passport (Doc. 55/76).

IN THE CHAIR: Mr L. MARTENS

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Jahn on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Nyborg, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mrs Ewing and Mr Brugger, on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee. Mr Brugger also moved the amendment which he had tabled on the motion for a resolution on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee.

Tabling of a motion for a resolution

The President announced that he had received from Mr Aigner, Mr Behrendt, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Boano, Lord Castle, Mr Cousté, Lord Gladwyn, Mr Lange, Mr de la Malène, Mr Normanton and Mr Patijn, a motion for a resolution with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure on measures to combat international terrorism (Doc. 222/76).

He announced that he would consult Parliament on the urgency of this document at 6.45 p.m.

Introduction of a uniform passport (continued)

The following spoke: Mr Berkhouwer, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Dalyell, and Mr Gundelach, *Member of the Commission*.

Parliament now considered the motion for a resolution and first adopted the preamble and paragraph 1.

On paragraph 2, Mr Brugger had tabled on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee amendment No 1.

Mr Brugger spoke.

Amendment No 1 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 3.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the introduction of a uniform passport

The European Parliament,

— noting the decision of the European Summit Conference at Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974, that a working group be set up to study the problems of a uniform passport, and of a Passport Union, and report by 31 December 1976,

— noting the agreement of the European Council held at Rome in December 1975, to create a uniform passport to be in use by 1978,

1. Urges the Council to ensure that the agreement for a uniform passport be carried into effect by 1978;
2. Places on record its belief in the desirability of a passport union and urges the Council and Commission of the European Communities to take steps to ensure, in accordance with their respective responsibilities that such a union is established as soon as possible;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Parliaments and Government of the Member States.

Commission statement on the preliminary draft budget for 1977 (followed by a debate)

The President announced that at the meeting held between President Spénale and the chairmen of the political groups, it had been agreed to propose to Parliament that the speakers in the debate following the Commission statement be limited to one speaker on behalf of each political group, the general rapporteur on the budget and the chairman of the Committee on Budgets.

Parliament signified its agreement with this proposal.

Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*, made a statement on the preliminary draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1977.

Decision on the urgency and inclusion in the agenda of a motion for a resolution

Parliament decided to adopt urgent procedure in respect of the motion for a resolution on measures to combat international terrorism (Doc. 222/76) and to place it on the agenda of the sitting of Wednesday, 7 July 1976, after the oral question with debate to the Council on skimmed-milk powder.

Commission statement on the preliminary draft budget for 1977 (continued)

Lord Bruce, *General Rapporteur on the Budget of the Communities for 1977*, spoke in the debate.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr M. YEATS

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Aigner, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Bangemann, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Cointat, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Shaw, on behalf of the European Conservative Group and Mr Lange, *Chairman of the Committee on Budgets*.

The President declared the debate closed.

Oral question with debate: Control of the common agricultural policy

Mr Shaw moved the oral question with debate which he had put on behalf of the European Conservative Group to the Commission on the control of the common agricultural policy (Doc. 193/76).

Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*, spoke in reply.

The following spoke: Mr Lange, Mr Cheysson, Mr Shaw, Mr Bangemann, Lord Bruce, Mr Delmotte and Mr Cheysson.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Wednesday, 7 July 1976:

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- Question Time;
- oral questions with debate to the Council and Commission on tax harmonization;
- vote on the motions for resolutions contained in the Yeats, Hamilton and Martens reports on the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament (12 noon);
- Council statement on the work programme of the Dutch Presidency (3 p. m.);
- oral questions with debate to the Council and Commission on the Conference on the Law of the Sea;
- oral question with debate to the Council and Commission on the violation of human rights in Argentina;
- oral question with debate to the Council on unemployment among young people;
- oral question with debate to the Council on skimmed-milk powder;
- motion for a resolution on measures to combat international terrorism;
- oral question with debate to the Commission on EEC—US trade relations;
- Scott-Hopkins report on the Parliament mission to the ASEAN countries;
- Klepsch report on EEC—Iran economic relations.

The sitting was closed at 8.35 p.m.

H. R. NORD

Secretary-General

Georges SPÉNALE

President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY 1976

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. SPÉNALE

President

The sitting was opened at 10.05 a.m.

Approval of minutes

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

Documents received

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

- report by Mr Liogier, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the motion for a resolution (Doc. 175/76) tabled by Mr Liogier, on behalf of

the Group of European Progressive Democrats, on measures to alleviate the effects of the drought (Doc. 223/76);

- report by Mr Liogier, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 214/76) for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1930/75 laying down special provisions applicable to trade in tomato concentrates between the Community as originally constituted and the new Member States (Doc. 224/76);

- report by Mr Hansen, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 219/76) for a Regulation extending for the fifth time the system of partial and temporary suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to wines originating in and coming from Turkey, provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2823/71 (Doc. 225/76).

Welcome to an Indian delegation

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed a delegation from the Indian Parliament led by former Minister Dinesh Singh, which had taken its seat in the official gallery. This delegation was returning the visit made by the European Parliament to India.

Agenda

The President announced that Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, wished to make a brief statement to Parliament on the Commission's programme for the milk sector and the measures taken to alleviate the effects of the drought.

On a proposal from the President, Parliament decided to place this item on the agenda after Question Time.

Mr Berkhouwer spoke on a question of procedure.

In addition, on a proposal from the Committee on Agriculture, Parliament decided to consider without debate the Hansen report on wines from Turkey, which had been placed on the agenda for the sitting of Thursday, 8 July 1976.

Question Time

Parliament considered a number of questions put to the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Member States, the Council or Commission (Doc. 201/76).

Question to the Conference of Foreign Ministers — Questions to the Council**Question No 1 by Mr Durieux: Tindemans report — Question No 2 by Mr Hamilton: Role of the European Parliament**

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Conference of Foreign Ministers and of the Council*, answered the two questions and supplementary questions put by Mr Berkhouwer, deputizing for Mr Durieux, Mr Hamilton, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Deschamps.

Question No 3 by Mr Cousté: Attainment of freedom of establishment

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered the question and the supplementary question put by Mr Cousté.

Question No 4 by Mr Dondelinger: Community Social Action Programme

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Dondelinger, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Mr Noè, Mrs Dunwoody, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr McDonald and Mr Deschamps.

Question No 5 by Mr De Clercq on the opening of negotiations for Greece's accession to the European Community had been withdrawn.

Question No 6 by Mr Fletcher: Council minutes

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Fletcher, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Dykes, Mr Bangemann, Sir Derek Walker-Smith and Mr Patijn.

Question No 7 by Mrs Ewing: Meetings of the Council of Ministers

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered the question and the supplementary question put by Mrs Ewing.

Mr Dalyell spoke.

Mr Brinkhorst then answered further supplementary questions put by Mr Berkhouwer and Mr Ellis.

Questions to the Commission**Question No 8 by Sir Geoffrey de Freitas: Community offices outside Europe**

Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Sir Geoffrey de Freitas and Mr Bersani.

Question No 9 by Mr Ellis: Grants from the European Regional Development Fund

Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Ellis and Mr Bersani.

Question No 10 by Mr Evans: Payments from the European Regional Development Fund

Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Evans, Mr Jahn, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Mrs Dunwoody and Mr Giraud.

Question No 11 by Mr Creed: Cross-border studies between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland

Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Creed, Mr Dalyell and Mr Bersani.

Question No 12 by Mr Cointat: Deposit on Italian imports

Mr Gundelach, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Cointat, Mr Früh and Mr Mitterdorfer.

Question No 13 by Mr Nyborg: Aid to fisheries research

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary question put by Mr Nyborg and Mr Prescott.

Question No 14 by Miss Flesch: Trade relations with India

Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Bangemann, deputizing for the author of the question, and Mr Cointat.

Question No 15 by Lord Bethell: Health protection standards for use and manufacture of asbestos

Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Lord Bethell, Mr Laban and Mr Evans.

Question No 16 by Mr Spicer: Safety standards in the case of fire

Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Spicer, Mr Normanton, Mr Schwabe, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Lord Bethell.

The President declared Question Time closed.

He announced that questions which it had not been possible to deal with would be answered in writing unless their authors wished to receive an oral answer during the next Question Time.

Commission Statement on milk and the drought

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, made a statement on the Commission's programme concerning the milk sector and on the measures that had been or could be taken to alleviate the effects of the drought.

The following put brief questions: Mr Cointat, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Laban, Mr Vetrone, Mr Durand, Mr De Koning, Mr Gibbons and Mr Howell.

Mr Lardinois answered the questions.

Change in agenda

On a proposal from the President, Parliament decided to hold the joint debate on the two oral questions on tax harmonization in the EEC (Doc. 187/76 and Doc. 188/76) after the statement by the Council on the working programme of the Dutch Presidency.

Procedural motion

Mr Fellermaier spoke on a procedural motion.

Amendment of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament (vote)

The next item on the agenda was the vote on the motions for resolutions contained in the reports by Mr Yeats (Doc. 196/76), Mr Hamilton (Doc. 197/76) and Mr Martens (Doc. 198/76), on the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament.

These reports had been considered at the sitting of Tuesday, 6 July 1976.

As regards the motion for a resolution contained in the report by Mr Yeats, Parliament decided, on a proposal from the President, to vote by show of hands.

Parliament first adopted the modified version of Rule 22 by 128 votes to 0 with no abstentions.

On Rule 27A (new) Sir Derek Walker-Smith had tabled, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, amendment No 1.

The rapporteur spoke.

Amendment No 1 was adopted by 127 votes to 1 with no abstentions.

Parliament adopted Rule 27A accordingly modified.

Parliament adopted the modified version of Rule 42 by 129 votes to 0 with no abstentions.

Parliament adopted the following resolution contained in the Yeats report by 130 votes to 0 with no abstentions:

RESOLUTION

on the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament relating to the consultation procedure (Rules 22, (27A) and 42)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions (Doc. 196/76),

1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as follows;
2. Instructs its President to have this resolution published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and to forward it for information to the Commission and Council of the European Communities, and instructs its Secretary-General to have published a new edition of the Rules of Procedure thus amended, making sure there is perfect concordance between the texts in the six official languages;
3. Decides that the Rules of Procedure thus amended shall enter into force at the beginning of the part-session following that at which they have been adopted.

Rule 22

(requests for opinions)

1. Requests from the Commission or Council for an opinion or for advice shall be printed, distributed and referred to the appropriate committees and a list thereof shall be published in the Bulletin of Parliament.
2. Any Decision or resolution adopted by Parliament following a request from an institution for an opinion or for advice shall be forwarded immediately to the President of that institution. Should the request have come from the President of the Council, the Decision or resolution shall also be forwarded to the Commission.

Rule 27A

(procedure without report)

1. The list of requests from the Commission or Council for an opinion or advice shall be sent each week to members of the appropriate committees. This list shall indicate the date on which the request was first received.

2. At each meeting of a committee the chairman shall submit to the committee those requests that in his opinion should be approved without report.
3. With respect to each of the requests made the object of a proposal under paragraph 2, the chairman of the committee responsible shall make available a summary of the document concerned to members of the appropriate committees.
4. The chairman shall put the proposal to the committee for decision and, unless any member objects to its adoption, shall send a statement to the President of Parliament to inform him that it has been adopted.
5. The titles of all requests from the Commission or Council for an opinion or for advice to which paragraph 4 applies shall be entered on the agenda of the first sitting of the part-session following the receipt of statements from all appropriate committees.
6. At the last sitting of the same part-session, the President shall declare the proposals to which the statements under paragraph 4 relate to be approved unless, before the opening of the sitting:
 - (a) any member has asked leave to speak on the proposals;
 - (b) amendments have been tabled to them.
7. In these cases the proposals shall be referred back to the appropriate committees.
8. The title of each proposal approved by Parliament under paragraph 6 shall be recorded in the minutes.

Rule 42

1. Committees may appoint for each subject a rapporteur who shall be responsible for preparing the committee's report and for introducing it in Parliament.

The final report of the committee shall include a motion for a resolution and an explanatory statement.

2. The report shall state the result of the vote taken on the report as a whole. If the committee is not unanimous, the report shall also state the views of the minority.

Before Parliament voted on the motions for resolutions contained in the Hamilton and Martens reports, Mr Hamilton asked for all the amendments tabled on the proposed modifications contained in these two reports, with the exception of those relating to Rule 35, to be referred back to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions

for consideration. The controversial parts of the reports would therefore be considered to have been withdrawn.

Since this request had been made by the committee responsible, it was automatically granted.

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

On a proposal from the President, Parliament decided to vote also on these two motions for resolutions by show of hands.

Parliament now considered the motion for a resolution contained in the report by Mr Hamilton.

Parliament adopted the modified version of Rule 45 by 130 votes to 0 with no abstentions.

Parliament adopted the following resolution by 130 votes to 0 with no abstentions:

RESOLUTION

on the amendment of Chapter XI of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions (Doc. 197/76),
1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedures as follows;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution for information to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Conference of Foreign Ministers.

CHAPTER XI

QUESTIONS

Rule 45

1. Questions for written answer may be put any member to the Commission, to the Council or to the Conference of Foreign Ministers.

These questions shall be brief and relate to specific points, and shall be submitted in writing to the President, who shall communicate them to the institution concerned.

2. Questions to which answers have been given shall be published, together with the answers, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.
3. Questions to which no answer has been given within one month by the Commission, or within two months by the Council or the Conference of Foreign Ministers, shall also be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Parliament now considered the motion for a resolution contained in the report by Mr Martens.

Parliament adopted the modified version of Rule 6 by 131 votes to 0 with no abstentions.

Parliament adopted the modified version of Rule 7 by 130 votes to 0 with no abstentions.

Parliament adopted the modified version of Rule 13 by 128 votes to 1 with no abstentions.

The following spoke on the modified version of Rule 18: Mr Alfred Bertrand, Mr Broeks, Mr Hamilton, Mr Memmel and Mr Lange.

Lord Bruce spoke on a question of procedure.

Parliament rejected the modified version of Rule 18.

Parliament adopted the modified version of Rule 32 by 130 votes to 0 with no abstentions.

As regards Rule 35, Parliament decided by 128 votes to 0 with 3 abstentions to pronounce on the old text of the Rules of Procedure.

The only amendment to this Article which now remained was No 27 by Mr Lagorce, the others, namely Nos 11, 6, 21, 29 and 22, becoming void.

Sir Derek Walker-Smith asked for amendment No 6, which he had tabled on behalf of the European Conservative Group, to be referred to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions.

Parliament agreed to this request.

The following spoke: Mr Lagorce and Mr Memmel, the latter on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group.

Parliament adopted amendment No 27 by 131 votes to 0 with no abstentions.

Mr Martens spoke.

Parliament adopted Rule 35 accordingly modified by 128 votes to 0 with no abstentions.

Parliament adopted the modified version of Rule 41 by 128 votes to 0 with no abstentions.

Parliament adopted the following resolution by 127 votes to 0 with no abstentions.

RESOLUTION

on the amendment of Chapters I to X, XIII and XIV of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

— having regard to Rule 54 of its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions (Doc. 198/76),

1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as follows;
2. Instructs its President to have this resolution published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and to forward it for information to the Commission and Council of the European Communities and instructs its Secretary-General to have published a new edition of the Rules of Procedure thus amended, making sure there is perfect concordance between the texts in the six official languages;
3. Decides that the Rules of Procedure thus amended shall enter into force at the beginning of the part-session following that at which they have been adopted.

CHAPTER I

SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

Rules 1 and 2 unchanged

CHAPTER II

VERIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

Rules 3 and 4 unchanged

CHAPTER III

BUREAU OF PARLIAMENT

Rule 5 unchanged

Rule 6

1. At the sitting held on the second Tuesday in March each year, the oldest member present shall take the chair until the President has been declared elected.
2. No business shall be transacted while the oldest member is in the chair unless it is concerned with the election of the President or the verification of credentials.

Rule 7

1. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by secret ballot; Parliament may, however, decide to depart from this rule for any election if the number of nominations does not exceed the number of seats to be filled.

Four tellers chosen by lot shall count the votes cast in a secret ballot; candidates shall not act as tellers.

2. The President shall be elected first. Nominations shall be handed before each ballot to the oldest member, who shall announce them to Parliament. If after three ballots no candidate has obtained an absolute majority of the votes cast, the fourth ballot shall be confined to the two members who have obtained the highest number of votes in the third ballot. In the event of a tie the elder candidate shall be declared elected.

3. As soon as the President has been elected, the oldest representative shall vacate the chair.

4. The Vice-Presidents shall then be elected on a single ballot paper. Those who on the first ballot obtain an absolute majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. Should the number of candidates elected be less than the number of seats to be filled, a second ballot shall be held under the same conditions among candidates not yet elected. Should a third ballot be necessary, a relative majority shall suffice for election to the remaining seats, and in the event of a tie the oldest candidates shall be declared elected.

5. The Vice-Presidents shall take precedence in the order in which they were elected, and in the event of a tie, by age.

Where they are not elected by secret ballot, the order in which their names are read out to the House by the President of the sitting shall determine the order of precedence.

6. Should it be necessary for the President or a Vice-President to be replaced, his successor shall be elected in accordance with the above provisions.

A newly elected Vice-President shall take the place of his predecessor in the order of precedence.

7. Should the seat become vacant during an adjournment of the session, the political group to which the representative whose seat has become vacant belonged shall nominate a candidate for temporary membership of the Bureau pending the election referred to in paragraph 6.

The nomination shall be placed before the enlarged Bureau for ratification.

A temporary member of the Bureau shall enjoy the same rights as a Vice-President.

Should the President's seat become vacant, the first Vice-President shall act as President.

CHAPTER IV

PRESIDENCY

Rules 8 to 11 unchanged

CHAPTER V

AGENDA OF SITTINGS

Rule 12 unchanged

Rule 13

Except in the cases of urgency referred to in Rule 14, a debate shall not be opened on a report unless it was tabled not later than 12 days before the beginning of the part-session and distributed at least 24 hours previously.

Rule 14 unchanged

CHAPTER VI

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Rule 15 unchanged

CHAPTER VII

PUBLICITY OF PROCEEDINGS

Rules 16 to 19 unchanged

CHAPTER VIII

CONDUCT OF SITTINGS

Rules 20 to 31 unchanged

Rule 32

1. A member who asks leave to speak for a procedural motion, namely:
 - (a) to raise a point of order;
 - (b) to move reference to committee;

- (c) to move the closure of a debate;
- (d) to move the adjournment of a debate;
- (e) to move the previous question; shall have a prior right to do so.

2. The above matters shall take precedence over the main question, the discussion of which shall be suspended while they are being considered.

3. Without prejudice to Rule 31 (5), only the following shall be heard in debates on the above matters; the mover of the motion, one speaker for and one against the motion, and the chairmen or the rapporteurs of the committees concerned.

CHAPTER IX

VOTING

Rules 33 and 34 unchanged

Rule 35

1. Normally Parliament shall vote by show of hands.
2. If the result of the show of hands is doubtful, a fresh vote shall be taken by sitting and standing.
3. If the result of this second vote is doubtful or whenever 10 or more representatives so desire, the vote shall be taken by roll call.
4. The roll shall be called in alphabetical order, beginning with the name of a representative drawn by lot. The President shall be the last to be called to vote.

Voting shall be by word of mouth and shall be expressed by 'Yes', 'No', or 'I abstain'. In calculating whether a motion has been adopted or rejected, account shall be taken only of votes cast for and against. The President shall establish the result of the count and announce it.

Votes shall be recorded in the minutes of proceedings of the sitting in the alphabetical order of representatives' names.

5. Without prejudice to Rules 2 (2), 7 (2) and (4), 21 (4), 24 (2) and (3), 41 (5) and 54, motions put to the vote shall be declared adopted only if they have secured a majority of the votes cast.

In the event of a tie, the motion shall stand rejected.

6. In the case of appointments, voting shall be by secret ballot, without prejudice to Rules 7 (1), 37 (2) and 41 (5), second subparagraph. Only ballot papers bearing the names of persons who have been nominated shall be taken into account in calculating the number of votes cast.

CHAPTER X

GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

Rules 36 to 40 unchanged

Rule 41

1. Rules 7 (2), 29, 30, 31, 32 and 35 (4), (5) and (6) shall apply as appropriate, to committee meetings.
2. A committee may validly vote when one quarter of its current members are actually present. However, if so requested by one-sixth of its members before voting begins, the vote shall be valid only if the number of voters represents an absolute majority of the committee members.
3. Voting in committee shall be by show of hands, unless any representative demands a vote by roll call.
4. The chairman may take part in discussions and may vote, but without having a casting vote.
5. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, the Bureau shall be elected by secret ballot without discussion. Its election shall require an absolute majority of the votes cast; where, however, a second ballot proves to be necessary, a relative majority shall suffice. If the number of nominations corresponds to the number of seats to be filled, the candidate or candidates may be declared elected without holding the ballot referred to in the first subparagraph.
6. The procedure for subcommittees shall be the same as for committees.
7. The minutes of each meeting of a committee shall be distributed to all its members and submitted to the committee for its approval at its next meeting.
8. In addition, a summary report of the proceedings shall be drawn up. Unless the committee decides otherwise, however, such report shall not be distributed but shall be available to all representatives.
9. Unless the committee decides otherwise, only adopted reports and statements prepared on the responsibility of the chairman shall be made public.

R e s t u n c h a n g e d

Statement by the President on the strike by local staff of the European Parliament

The President made a statement on the strike that day by local staff of the European Parliament.

Mr Memmel spoke.

The sitting was suspended at 1.05 p.m. and resumed at 3.10 p.m.

Statement by the Council on the working programme of the Dutch Presidency

Mr Van der Stoel, *President-in-Office of the Council*, made a statement on the working programme of the Dutch Presidency for the coming six months.

The following spoke: Mr Fellermaier, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Alfred Bertrand, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Berkhouwer, Sir Peter Kirk, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Leonardi, on behalf of the Communist

and Allies Group, Mr Bouquerel, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Blumenfeld and Mr Dalyell.

Mr Van der Stoel answered the various questions which had been put to him.

Mr Fellermaier and Mr Berkhouwer spoke on a question of procedure.

Oral questions with debate: Tax harmonization in the EEC

The next item on the agenda was the joint debate on the two oral questions on tax harmonization in the EEC.

Mr Berkhouwer spoke on the oral question with debate which Mr Durieux, Mr Hougardy and Mr Caillavet had put, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, to the Council on tax harmonization in the EEC (Doc. 187/76), and the oral question with debate by the same authors and on behalf of the same group to the Commission on the same subject (Doc. 188/76).

IN THE CHAIR: SIR GEOFFREY DE FREITAS

Vice-President

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered the questions put to the Council, and

Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission*, the question put to the Commission.

The following spoke: Mr Notenboom, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Nyborg, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Dykes, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Lange, Mr Brinkhorst and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza.

The President announced that he had received from Mr Durieux, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, a motion for a resolution with request for an immediate vote, pursuant to Rule 47 (4) of the Rules of Procedure, to wind up the debate on oral question (Doc. 188/76) — (Doc. 220/76).

Mr Scott-Hopkins spoke on a question of procedure.

Mr Lange called for the deletion of paragraph 4 of this motion for a resolution.

Mr Berkhouwer withdrew paragraph 4.

Parliament decided to vote immediately on the motion for a resolution, accordingly modified.

Parliament adopted the the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the adoption by the Council of the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities for a sixth Directive on the harmonization of the legislation of Member States concerning turnover taxes — common system of value added tax: uniform basis of assessment

The European Parliament,

- referring to the Decision of 21 April 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from Member States by the Communities' own resources,
- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council of October 1973 ⁽¹⁾, as amended by the Commission on 12 August 1974 ⁽²⁾ in the light of the opinion adopted by Parliament on 14 March 1974 ⁽³⁾,
- recalling the Council resolution of 22 March 1972 concerning economic and monetary union,

1. Regrets that, despite its resolutions, in particular that of 20 June 1975 ⁽⁴⁾, and the letter from its President, dated 7 July 1975, inviting the Council to act pursuant to Article 175 of the EEC Treaty, the proposal for a sixth Directive has still not been adopted;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 80, 5. 10. 1973, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 121, 11. 10. 1974, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 34.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 157, 14. 7. 1975.

2. Emphasizes once again the importance of the adoption of this Directive in order to permit the effective application of the system of own resources from 1 January 1978;
3. Urges the Council to take an immediate decision to ensure that the Directive enters into force not later than 1 January 1977, an interval after its adoption being required by the Member States in order to adapt their legislation;
4. Stresses also the need for speedy adoption by the Council of the many proposals for Directives, which in some cases have been awaiting a decision for several years, in order to achieve the fiscal conditions necessary for economic and monetary union;*
5. Invites the Council to hold new *ad hoc* meetings on tax problems, thus demonstrating its political willingness to consider fiscal harmonization as a field of Community activity in which progress must also be made;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

The following spoke on a question of procedure: Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Aigner, Mr Dykes and Mrs Ewing.

Oral questions with debate: Provisional results of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

The next item on the agenda was the joint debate on the two oral questions on the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

Mr Kofoed spoke on the oral question with debate which he had put on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group to the Council on the provisional results of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (Doc. 191/76), and the oral question with debate which he had put, on behalf of the same group, to the Commission on the same subject (Doc. 192/76).

Mrs Ewing spoke on a question of procedure.

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered the question put to the Council, and Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered the question put to the Commission.

The following spoke: Mr Prescott, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Blumenfeld, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Nyborg, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Fletcher, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Schmidt, Mrs Ewing, Mr Jahn, Mr Brinkhorst, Sir Christopher Soames and Mr Kofoed.

The President declared the joint debate closed.

Tabling of two motions for resolutions

The President announced that he had received:

- from Mr Alfred Bertrand, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, and Sir Peter Kirk, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, a motion for a resolution, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the Puerto Rico Summit Conference (Doc. 227/76);
- from Mr Alfred Bertrand, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, and Lord Bethell on behalf of the European Conservative Group, a motion for a resolution with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure on the ill-treatment of Vladimir Bukovsky (Doc. 228/76).

He announced that he would consult Parliament later in the evening on the urgency of these two motions.

Oral question with debate: Violation of human rights in Argentina

Mr Berkhouwer moved the oral question with debate which he and Mr Broeks, Mr Corona, Mr Glinne, Mr Knud Nielsen, Mr Radoux, Mr Stewart and Mr Schuijt had put to the Council and Commission on the violation of human rights and democratic freedoms in Argentina (Doc. 190/76).

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, and Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered the question.

Mr Knud Nielsen spoke on behalf of the Socialist Group and Mr Lücker on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Change in agenda

Mr Scott-Hopkins asked for the last three items on the agenda for that sitting, i.e. the oral question on EEC—US trade relations (Doc. 149/76), the Scott-Hopkins report on the Parliament mission to the ASEAN countries (Doc. 181/76) and the Klepsch report on EEC—Iran economic relations (Doc. 119/76) to be postponed to the beginning of the next day's sitting.

Mr Glinne, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Glinne spoke.

Parliament adopted Mr Scott-Hopkins' suggestion and decided to place these three items at the beginning of the agenda for the following day, Thursday, 8 July 1976.

Oral question with debate: Unemployment among young people

Mr Yeats moved the oral question with debate which Mr Terrenoire had put on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Council on unemployment among young people (Doc. 185/76).

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, spoke in reply.

The following spoke: Mr Adams on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Van der Gun on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mrs Kellett-Bowman on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mrs Goutmann on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Evans, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Yeats and Mr Brinkhorst.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Motions for resolutions

Parliament decided to adopt urgent procedure in respect of the two motions for resolutions (Doc. 227/76 and 228/76), receipt of which had been announced earlier, and to place them at the end of the agenda for the sitting on Friday, 9 July 1976.

Mr Glinne spoke.

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Albers, Mr Boano, Mr Corona, Mr Glinne, Mr Knud Nielsen, Mr Patijn, Mr Schmidt, Mr Schuijt, Mr Seefeld and Mr Stewart, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the respect of democratic freedoms and human rights in Argentina (Doc. 229/76).

He announced that he would consult Parliament on the urgency of this motion the following morning.

Change in agenda

Mr Van der Gun, *Chairman of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education*, asked for the Meintz report on the social situation in the Community in 1975 (Doc. 164/76) to be postponed to the September part-session.

Mrs Kellett-Bowman spoke.

Parliament agreed to this postponement.

Oral question with debate: Skimmed-milk powder

Lord Walston moved the oral question with debate which he and Mr Hansen, Mr Espersen, Lord Bruce, Mr Broeksz and Mr Frehsee, had put to the Council on skimmed-milk powder (Doc. 186/76).

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered the question.

The following spoke: Mr De Koning, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Gibbons, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, and Lord Walston.

The President declared the debate on this question closed.

Measures to combat international terrorism

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Aigner, Mr Behrendt, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Bersani, Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Boano, Lord Castle, Mr Cousté, Lord Gladwyn, Mr Lange, Mr de la Malène, Mr Normanton and Mr Patijn, on measures to combat international terrorism (Doc. 222/76).

Mr Aigner spoke.

Mr Laban asked for the four paragraphs of the motion for a resolution to be voted separately.

Parliament adopted the preamble and then paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on measures to combat international terrorism

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 10 July 1975 (Doc. 188/75),
 - firmly convinced that international terrorism must be combated with great determination,
1. Welcomes the courageous liberation of the Entebbe hostages;
 2. Calls on the Conference of Foreign Ministers, the Council and Commission of the European Communities, in the context of European political cooperation and of Community activities, to coordinate energetically and without delay measures to combat international terrorism, and to intensify their efforts to reach suitable mutual judicial assistance agreements with third countries;
 3. Calls on the organs of European political cooperation and the European Communities to coordinate their efforts to this end, in particular in the plenary assembly of the United Nations, in the UN Security Council and in the subsidiary organizations of the UN;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Conference of Foreign Ministers and the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Thursday, 8 July 1976:

10 a.m.. 3 p.m. and possibly in the evening:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — oral question with debate to the Commission on EEC-US trade relations; — Scott-Hopkins report on the Parliament's mission to the ASEAN countries; — Klepsch report on EEC-Iran economic relations; — oral question with debate to the Commission on the Tripartite Conference of 24 June 1976; — oral question with debate to the Commission on Italian control regulations on foreign exchange; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Liogier report on the drought; — Howell report on the processing of agricultural products; — Walston report on the reform of agriculture; — Liogier report on tomato concentrates; — Früh report on hops; — Hansen report on wines from Turkey (without debate); — Jahn report on a common environmental policy; — Fisher report on the quality of surface fresh water; — oral question with debate to the Commission on the European Regional Development Fund. |
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The sitting was closed at 8.45 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Gérard BORDU
Vice-President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY 8 JULY 1976

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. BORDU

Vice-President

The sitting was opened at 10.05 a.m.

Approval of minutes

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

Procedural motion

The following spoke on a procedural motion: Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Lord Gladwyn, Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission*, and Mrs Kellett-Bowman.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received a report, drawn up by Mr Früh on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 182/76) for a Regulation laying down in respect of hops the amount of aid to producers for the 1975 harvest (Doc. 221/76).

He also announced that he had received a motion for a resolution tabled by Mr De Clercq, Mr Terrenoire, Mr Houdet, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Baas, Mr Durieux, Mr Giraud, Mr Cointat, Mr Della Briotta, Mr Premoli, Mr Cousté, Mr Liogier, Mr Concas, Mr Clerfayt, Mr Rivierez, Mr Yeats, Mr Brégégère, Mr Marras, Mr Meintz, Mr Bangemann, Mr Pintat, Mr Bourdellès, Mr Krall, Mr Durand, Mr Achenbach, Mr Delmotte, Mr Leonardi, Mr Laudrin, Mr Bouquerel, Mr Rosati, Mr Klepsch, Mr Vandewiele, Mr Lücker, Mr De Koning and Lord Bethell, pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure, on Greek application for membership of the Community (Doc. 226/76).

This document had been referred to the Political Affairs Committee.

Presentation of two petitions

The President announced that he had received:

- a petition from Miss Oonagh Hartnett and 15 other signatories on public-funded help with home responsibilities, and

- a petition from Mr Walter Braun and nine other signatories on the right to vote of European citizens.

These two petitions had been entered under Nos 8 and 9/76 in the general register provided for in Rule 48 (2) of the Rules of Procedure and, pursuant to paragraph 3 of that same rule, referred to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions.

Decision on the urgency of a motion for a resolution and inclusion in the agenda

Parliament to adopt urgent procedure for the motion for a resolution on the respect of democratic freedoms and human rights in Argentina (Doc. 229/76), receipt of which had been announced at the previous day's sitting, and to place it on the agenda for the sitting of Friday, 9 July 1976.

Oral question with debate: EEC-US trade relations

Mr Herbert moved the oral question with debate which he and Mr de la Malène had put, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, to the Commission on the deterioration in EEC-US trade relations (Doc. 149/76).

Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered the question.

The following spoke: Mr Jahn, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Scott-Hopkins, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Lange, Sir Christopher Soames and Mr Herbert.

The President declared the debate on this question closed.

Welcome to the ambassadors of ASEAN

The President welcomed, on behalf of Parliament, the ambassadors of ASEAN, who had taken their seats in the official gallery.

Mission by the European Parliament to the countries of ASEAN

Mr Scott-Hopkins introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic

Relations, on the outcome of the mission by a delegation from the European Parliament to the countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and on future relations between the European Community and ASEAN (Doc. 181/76).

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. SPÉNALE

President

Welcome to Mr Fanfani

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed Mr Fanfani, President of the Senate of the Republic of Italy, who had taken his seat in the official gallery.

Mission by the European Parliament to the countries of ASEAN (continued)

The following spoke: Mr Berkhouwer, *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Political Affairs Committee*, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Lagorce, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Früh, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr D'Angelo-sante, on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Bersani, Mr Molloy, Mr Albertsen, Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission*, and Mr Scott-Hopkins, *Rapporteur*.

Parliament now considered the motion for a resolution and adopted the preamble and paragraphs 1 to 4.

On paragraph 5, Mr Glinne had tabled amendment No 1.

Mr Glinne had also tabled amendment No 2 proposing the insertion of a new paragraph after paragraph 5. Since these two amendments were complementary, Parliament decided to consider them together.

The rapporteur spoke.

Amendment No 1 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 5 accordingly modified.

Amendment No 2 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 6.

Mr Glinne had tabled amendment No 3 proposing the insertion of a new paragraph after paragraph 6. Mr Lagorce moved this amendment.

The rapporteur spoke.

Amendment No 3 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 7 to 10.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the outcome of the visit by a delegation from the European Parliament to the countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and on future relations between the European Community and ASEAN

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the mission report and the summary record of the official visit of the European Parliament's delegation to the ASEAN countries from 16 July to 7 August 1975,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinions of the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 181/76),

1. Welcomes the development of an outward-looking association of nations in South-East Asia and looks forward to a growing relationship between the European Community and ASEAN on the basis of mutual interest and fruitful cooperation;
2. Notes that the aim of the regional cooperation and/or integration advocated by ASEAN is to consolidate peace and stability in South-East Asia and to further the prosperity of the nations in that region and that ASEAN is continuing with its efforts to achieve these political and economic objectives;
3. Hopes that the European Community, its institutions and its Member States will devote more attention to their increasingly important economic partners in ASEAN;

4. Recommends the Commission to investigate the possibility of improving economic and trade relations between the EEC and ASEAN, with particular reference to generalized preferences, the promotion of Asian exports, technical and financial cooperation;
5. Invites the Commission to continue its work in the field of ASEAN participation in trade fairs in the EEC seminars on the EEC scheme of generalized preferences in ASEAN countries and other suitable means of improving the reciprocal flow of information;
6. Takes the view, in this connection, that a Community information and liaison office should be opened in one of the countries of ASEAN;
7. Stresses the importance it attaches to a sustained dialogue on many political and economic points of mutual interest and on matters of common concern to parliamentary democracy in our respective countries;
8. Hopes, in particular, for a rapid, humane and democratic solution to the problem of political interments in Indonesia;
9. Welcomes the plan to set up an ASEAN inter-parliamentary organization with which it hopes to establish contact;
10. Invites a delegation of ASEAN parliamentarians to pay a return visit to the Community;
11. Instructs its appropriate committees to follow all aspects of the development of relations between the European Community and ASEAN;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the diplomatic representatives of the ASEAN countries accredited to the European Communities.

Economic relations between the EEC and Iran

Mr Klepsch introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on economic and commercial relations between the European Community and Iran (Doc. 119/76). He spoke also on the two amendments tabled on the motion for a resolution.

The following spoke: Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission*, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Sir Christopher Soames.

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

IN THE CHAIR: Mr M. YEATS

Vice-President

Mr Scott-Hopkins spoke on a technical point.

Economic relations between the EEC and Iran (continued)

The following spoke: Lord Castle, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Brøndlund Nielsen, on behalf

of the Liberal and Allies Group, and Mr Scott-Hopkins, on behalf of the European Conservative Group. Mr Scott-Hopkins also moved his amendments to the motion for a resolution.

Parliament now considered the motion for a resolution.

On the preamble, Mr Scott-Hopkins had tabled, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, amendment No 1/rev. proposing the insertion of two new indents.

Amendment No 1/rev. was adopted.

The preamble, accordingly modified, was adopted.

Parliament then adopted paragraphs 1 to 5.

Mr Scott-Hopkins had tabled, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, amendment No 2, proposing the insertion of two new paragraphs after paragraph 5.

Amendment No 2 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 6 to 8.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on economic and commercial relations between the European Community and Iran

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations, (Doc. 119/76),
 - noting the Iranian estimate that by 1991 extensive inroads will have been made into Iranian oil resources, and that 23 % of Iran's present oil exports go to the Community,
 - noting the Iranian commitment to industrial development,
1. Notes with regret that since 30 November 1973 — the date on which the non-preferential agreement concluded between the two parties in 1963 definitively expired — no trade agreement has linked the European Community and the Empire of Iran;
 2. Considers that this situation is contrary to the interests of both parties who, following the considerable increase in Iran's revenues, are continually strengthening their ties in the economic and financial sectors;
 3. Emphasizes that the considerable development of these ties is evidence of the growing complementarity and interdependence of their economies;
 4. Invites, therefore, the Community to open shortly, on the basis of the proposals contained in the communication from the Commission to the Council on relations with Iran, negotiations with the Iranian authorities, with the aim of defining the framework and the content of the cooperation agreement to be entered into by the two parties;
 5. Considers that an agreement of this kind should enable the problems which exist between Iran and the Community in the economic and commercial sectors to be resolved;
 6. Believes that the Iranian Government will honour any future Community-Iran agreement designed to prevent discrimination against the Community and not to hinder the export of hydrocarbons to the Nine;
 7. Emphasizes that if economic cooperation with Iran is to develop, it is essential that Community firms should have confidence in the security of their investment in that country;
 8. Urges the Community Member States to consult with each other and keep each other informed when negotiating and concluding bilateral cooperation agreements with Iran in the context of, and in accordance with, the Council Decision of 22 July 1974;
 9. Requests the Council and the Commission to keep it regularly informed of the progress of negotiations between the Community and Iran;
 10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Oral question with debate: Tripartite Conference of 24 June 1976

Mr Van der Hek moved the oral question with debate put by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to the Commission on the outcome of the Tripartite Conference of 24 June 1976 (Doc. 194/76).

Mr Haferkamp, *Vice-President of the Commission*, spoke in reply.

The following spoke: Mr Albertsen on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Van der Gun on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Bangemann on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive

Democrats, Mr Dykes on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mrs Goutmann on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Artzinger and Mr Haferkamp.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Oral question with debate: Italian control of currency movements

Mr Van der Hek moved the oral question with debate put by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to the Commission on the effects on integration policy of the Italian control regulations concerning foreign exchange and currency movements (Doc. 195/76).

Mr Haferkamp, *Vice-President of the Commission*, spoke in reply.

Mr Artzinger, Mr Haferkamp and Mr Van der Hek spoke.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Measures to alleviate the effects of the drought

Mr Liogier introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the motion for a resolution (Doc. 175/76) which he had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats on measures to alleviate the effects of the drought (Doc. 223/76).

The following spoke: Mr Martens on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Laban on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Kofoed on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Spicer on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mrs Goutmann on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Howell who withdrew the amendment which he and Mrs Kellett-Bowman had tabled on the motion for a resolution, Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, Mr Früh and Mr Lardinois.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on measures to be taken to alleviate the effects of the drought

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats (Doc. 175/76),
 - having regard to the referral made by the European Parliament at its sitting of Friday, 18 June 1976,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 223/76),
 - recognizing that the persistent development of the drought in many parts of Europe and its disastrous consequences are an unprecedented catastrophe firstly for the farmers who are its main victims and secondly for the consumers who are already facing — and will continue to face on an increasing scale in the near future — price increases and even supply difficulties,
1. Invites both the Commission and the Council to mobilize forthwith all possible resources to aid the persons affected in the disaster areas, and to keep a close watch on developments;
 2. Considers that, in addition to the national measures which have already been taken or may yet be taken, suitable instruments of the common agricultural policy must be used to the full in order to limit the damage suffered by farmers and consumers;
 3. Calls on the Commission in particular to take measures to alleviate difficulties in securing supplies of fodder;
 4. Invites the Commission to give special attention, in the context of agricultural structural policy and regional policy, to measures aimed at achieving a balanced water supply, so that the damage caused by future catastrophic climatic conditions can be lessened.

Regulation on the marketing and processing of agricultural products

Mr Howell introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 241/75) for a Regulation concerning common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are marketed and processed (Doc. 162/76).

The following spoke: Mr Früh, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Lange, *Chairman of the Committee on Budgets*, which had been asked for its opinion (Mr Lange spoke also on the amendments tabled by the Committee on Budgets), Mr Kofoed, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Liogier, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Scott-Hopkins, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, and Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*.

Parliament first considered the amendments to the proposal for a regulation.

On the ninth recital Mr Durand had tabled on behalf of the Committee on Budgets amendment No 1, which was withdrawn.

Mr Howell, speaking on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, orally proposed an amendment to the ninth recital to the effect that the text should read as follows:

9. ... and totalling at least 400 million units of account ...

Parliament agreed to put this amendment to the vote and adopted it.

On Article 13, Mr Durand had tabled on behalf of the Committee on Budgets amendment No 2.

Mr Lange spoke.

The rapporteur spoke.

Amendment No 2 was adopted.

On Article 15, Mr Durand had tabled on behalf of the Committee on Budgets amendment No 3.

The rapporteur spoke.

Amendment No 3 was adopted.

On Article 18, Mr Durand had tabled amendment No 4/rev. on behalf of the Committee on Budgets.

The rapporteur spoke.

Amendment No 4/rev. was adopted.

On Article 23, Mr Durand had tabled, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, amendment No 5.

The rapporteur spoke.

Amendment No 5 was adopted.

Parliament now considered the motion for a resolution and first adopted the preamble and paragraphs 1 to 5.

On paragraph 6, Mr Früh had tabled on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group amendment No 6, which he withdrew.

Mr Laban asked for a separate vote on subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 6.

The rapporteur and Mr Laban spoke.

Parliament adopted paragraph 6 (a).

Parliament rejected paragraph 6 (b).

Parliament adopted paragraphs 7 and 8.

Mr Liogier and Mr Gibbons had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats amendments Nos 7 and 8 proposing the addition of new paragraphs after paragraph 8. These amendments had been withdrawn.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 9 and 10.

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 concerning common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are marketed and processed

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 42 and 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 241/75),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 218, 24. 9. 1975, p. 4.

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 162/76),
- having regard to the memorandum on the reform of agriculture in the European Economic Community (Doc. 194/67),
- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concerning agricultural producer groups and their federations (Doc. 20/67),
- having regard to the second report drawn up by Mr Bading on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 170/67),
- having regard to the amended proposal of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concerning agricultural producer groups and their federations (Doc. 45/70-VI),
- having regard to the interim report and a further report drawn up by Mr Baas on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture (Docs 34/71 and 176/71),
- having regard to the need to ensure reasonable prices to producers of agricultural produce and stable supplies to consumers,
- having regard to the necessity to encourage horizontal and vertical integration in the agricultural sector,
- having regard to the importance of agricultural assets at the Community and international levels,

1. Is of the opinion that measures to improve the processing and marketing of agricultural produce should be implemented with the minimum of delay, and approves the Commission's proposal subject to the following reservations;

2. Points out that the Commission's proposal represents a limited step which will result in a decrease in the total real amount of Community aid to be granted for the improvement of marketing and mixed production/marketing structures, and which will make no substantial contribution to reducing agricultural surpluses and limiting the need for intervention;

3. Believes that the serious market imbalances, particularly in the dairy sector, demonstrate that the question of marketing and processing should not be separated from that of production, but should be considered in terms of achieving a better balance between supply and demand; to increase returns to the agricultural community and protect their interests in the face of an increasing concentration of buyers; to bring about reasonable and more stable prices for the consumer; to improve the quality and variety of produce offered to the consumer, and to help develop the Community's agricultural assets to their fullest extent;

4. Emphasises that efforts to improve market equilibrium require, above all, greater discipline on the part of producers and that such discipline:

- (a) is acceptable to producers only on condition that it is linked to a greater role for those producers in developing market policy; .
- (b) and will be effective only when carried out through organizations of producers able to promote their joint strength and implement collective decisions;

5. Believes, in consequence, that efforts in this direction must be based on measures to clarify the objectives of Community agriculture through an increased responsibility for producers in market policy, so as to:

- (a) reduce the problems caused by undue political interference in production, safeguard the interests of the consumer, and reduce the need for onerous budgetary expenditure;
- (b) increase the degree of long range thinking on market trends and the most effective use of the Community's agricultural resources;
- (c) introduce greater day-to-day flexibility in adjusting market policy;

- (d) improve producers' technical resources, and in particular their information on market situations and prices, in order to establish annual market trends and the conditions under which produce should be placed on the market;
- (e) develop sales promotion and publicity;
6. Believes that this can be achieved progressively by means of adoption by the Council of the regulation concerning producer groups and coordination between producer groups;
7. Invites the Commission to examine the possibility of employing, as a condition for the grant of aid from the EAGGF in the processing and marketing sector, contractual links between producers and processors, with the gradual introduction of 'model contracts' between non-organized producers and processors;
8. Requests the Commission to undertake an examination of the most successful national or regional producer organisations and cooperatives within the Community, so as:
- to provide the basis for the rational development of production and marketing measures;
 - and to indicate those sectors where increased producer organisation is most urgently required;
9. Requests the Commission to present a report to the Council and the European Parliament three years after the entry into force of this Regulation on the effects on marketing structures, and on the basis of that report propose modifications, where appropriate, to the present provisions;
10. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ⁽¹⁾

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Council Regulation concerning common measures to improve the conditions under
which agricultural products are marketed and processed**

Preamble and recitals 1 to 8 unchanged

9. Whereas aid from the Fund over a period of 10 years, and totalling 400 million units of account for the first five years, should be sufficient to enable problems concerning the improvement of the conditions for marketing and processing agricultural products to be solved.

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Recitals 10 and 11 unchanged

Article 1 unchanged

Article 2

1. The specific multiannual programmes shall be designed to develop or rationalize the processing or

Article 2

1. unchanged

⁽¹⁾ For full text, see OJ No C 218, 24. 9. 1975, p. 4.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

marketing of one or more agricultural products or groups of products in a part or the whole of the Community.

2. The specific programmes shall be drawn up by:
- (a) the Member States;
 - (b) interested trade or inter-trade organizations or by a representative group of undertakings;
 - (c) particularly in the case of programmes for a region or zone covering territory situated in more than one Member State, by the Commission, acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 25.

2. The specific programmes shall be drawn up by:
- (a) the Member States;
 - (b) interested trade or inter-trade organizations or by a representative group of undertakings, **representing producers, processing or marketing enterprises;**
 - (c) particularly in the case of programmes for a region or zone covering territory situated in more than one Member State, by the Commission, acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 25.

Articles 3 and 4 unchanged

Article 5

1. Having studied the programmes, the Commission shall consult the trade organizations existing at Community level which are most representative of the producers, processors and dealers affected.

Article 5

1. Having studied the programmes, the Commission shall consult the trade organizations existing at Community level which are most representative of the producers, processors and **dealers concerned and workers affected.**

Paragraphs 2 and 3 and Article 6 unchanged

Article 7

Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)
unchanged

Article 7

- (f) **retraining of workers engaged in the processing and marketing of agricultural produce.**

Paragraphs 3 and 4 and Articles 8 to 12 unchanged

Article 13

1. Applications for aid from the Fund shall be submitted to the Commission each year before

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TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1 October. The Commission will decide on the merits of such applications before 31 December of the following year.

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

31 May. The Commission will decide on the merits of such applications before 31 January of the following year.

Paragraphs 2 to 5 and Article 14 unchanged

Article 15

Article 15

Paragraph 1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) unchanged

(i) projects intended to contribute to an improvement in the employment of workers and for the retraining of workers required by the restructuring of markets in the sectors concerned.

2. Priority shall be given to projects falling under categories (b) and (c) of paragraph 1 of this Article.

Articles 16 and 17 unchanged

Article 18

Article 18

1. The estimated time required for carrying out the common measures is 10 years.

1. unchanged

2. Five years after this Regulation enters into force, the common measures shall be re-examined by the Council upon a proposal from the Commission.

2. Three years after the entry into force of this regulation the Commission will draw up a report for the Council and the European Parliament.

3. The total cost of the common measures financed for the first five years by the EAGGF is estimated at 400 million units of account.

3. On the basis of the report, and the opinions expressed by the Council and the European Parliament, five years after this regulation enters into force, the common measures shall be re-examined by the Council upon a proposal from the Commission.

4. deleted

Paragraph 4 unchanged

Articles 19 to 22 unchanged

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Article 23

1. Within *three* years following the execution of a project, the relevant beneficiary shall forward to the Commission through his Member State a report stamped with the endorsement of that Member State on the economic effect of each project having received aid from the Fund.

Article 23

1. Within *two* years following the execution of a project, the relevant beneficiary shall forward to the Commission through his Member State a report stamped with the endorsement of that Member State on the economic effect of each project having received aid from the Fund.

Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 unchanged

Articles 24 to 27 unchanged

Addition of an oral question to the agenda

On a proposal from the President, Parliament decided to place at the end of the agenda for the sitting of Friday, 9 July 1976 an oral question with debate by Mr Fellermaier, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Bertrand, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Durieux, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr de la Malène, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Sir Peter Kirk, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, and Mr Leonardi, on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, to the Commission on the sentence passed on Mr Stanley Adams (Doc. 230/76).

Change in agenda

On a proposal from the President, and after Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Kruchow had spoken, Parliament decided to postpone consideration of the oral question with debate on the European Regional Development Fund (Doc. 189/76), which was the last

item on the agenda; it would be taken as the first item on the agenda for the following day's sitting on Friday, 9 July 1976.

Directive on the reform of agriculture

Lord Walston introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 129/76) for a Directive amending Directives 72/159/EEC, 72/160/EEC, 72/161/EEC, 73/131/EEC and 75/268/EEC on the reform of agriculture (Doc. 204/76).

The following spoke: Mr Lange, *Chairman of the Committee on Budgets*, Mr Kofoed, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Liogier, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, and Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*.

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 amending Directives 72/159/EEC, 72/160/EEC, 72/161/EEC, 73/131/EEC and 75/268/EEC on the reform of agriculture

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 129/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 204/76),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 126, 9. 6. 1976, p. 9.

1. Approves in principle the Commission's proposal;
2. Notes that the object of the Commission's proposal is to maintain the value of amounts laid down in the reform Directives and awaits a later review as to whether those amounts are sufficient to achieve the aims of the Directives;
3. Requests that provision be made for the possibility of a review, in the annual reports provided for, of amounts laid down in the reform Directives so as to take into account price changes and budgetary resources;
4. Points out that from 1980, at the latest, it will be necessary to increase the ceiling of 325 million units of account for annual appropriations entered under the Guidance Section of the EAGGF in order to allow for the continued implementation of common measures to improve agriculture in the Community.

Regulation on tomato concentrates

Mr Liogier introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 214/76) for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1930/75 laying down special provisions applicable to trade in tomato concentrates between the Community as originally constituted and the new Member States (Doc. 224/76).

The following spoke: Mr Lange, *Chairman of the Committee on Budgets*, Mr Della Briotta, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Mr Lardinois and Mr Frehsee, who

referred in particular to the amendment to the proposal for a Regulation.

On the proposal for a Regulation, Mr Ligios and others had tabled amendment No 1.

The rapporteur spoke.

Amendment No 1 was rejected.

At the request of Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Parliament voted separately on the preamble and the individual paragraphs of the motion for a resolution.

Parliament adopted consecutively the preamble, paragraph 1 and paragraph 2.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1930/75 laying down special provisions applicable to trade in tomato concentrates between the Community as originally constituted and the new Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 304 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 214/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 224/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Requests the Commission, however, to make a general review of the crisis situation in the tomato concentrates and peeled tomatoes sector in order to find more incisive solutions.

Regulation on aid to hop producers

Mr Früh introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 182/76) for a Regulation laying down in respect of hops the amount of aid to producers for the 1975 harvest (Doc. 221/76); he spoke also on behalf of the Committee on Budgets.

The following spoke: Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, Mr Brøndlund Nielsen and Mr Lardinois.

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 laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of the aid to producers for the 1975 harvest

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 182/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 221/76),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

(1) OJ No C 149, 1. 7. 1976, p. 2.

Regulation on wines from Turkey

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Mr Hansen, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 219/76) for a Regulation extending for the fifth time the system of partial and temporary suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to wines originating in and coming from Turkey, provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2823/71 (Doc. 225/76).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation extending for the fifth time the system of partial and temporary suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties applicable to wines originating in and coming from Turkey, provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2823/71

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 315 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 42 and 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 219/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 225/76),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Invites the Council nevertheless to extend the present preferential system until the entry into force of the definitive system provided for in the Additional Protocol, and therefore, possibly, beyond 31 August 1977, in view of the limited scope of the concession and of the negligible quantities of wine originating in Turkey imported into the Community.

Resolution on an environmental policy

Mr Jahn introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on a draft Council resolution (Doc. 51/76) on the continuation and implementation of a European Community policy and Action Programme on the Environment (Doc. 215/76).

The following spoke: Mr Frehsee, *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture*, Mr Suck on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mrs Kruchow on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group and Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the draft Council resolution on the continuation and implementation of a European Community policy and Action Programme on the Environment

The European Parliament,

— having regard to its resolutions of:

- (a) 18 April 1972 on the first communication from the Commission on Community policy in the field of environmental protection ⁽¹⁾,
 - (b) 6 July 1972 on the communication from the Commission to the Council on the programme of environmental action of the European Communities together with proposed measures to be taken in this field ⁽²⁾,
 - (c) 3 July 1973 on the proposals from the Commission to the Council on the programme of environmental action of the European Communities together with proposed measures to be taken in this field ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the draft resolution on the continuation and implementation of a European Community policy and Action Programme on the Environment ⁽⁴⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 51/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, and to the opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Energy and Research (Doc. 215/76),

1. Welcomes the Commission's proposals (Second Action Programme on the Environment) as an important step in the furtherance of Community policy on the protection of the environment and in the continuation of the programme of action of the European Communities on the environment of 22 November 1973 (first programme) ⁽⁵⁾;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 46, 9. 5. 1972, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 82, 26. 7. 1972, p. 42.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 62, 31. 7. 1973, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 115, 24. 5. 1976, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No C 112, 20. 12. 1973, p. 1.

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2. Notes that the duration of this Action Programme had to be tacitly extended by one year — until the end of 1976 — since considerable delays had occurred in its implementation as a result of the limited staff and materials available;
 3. Attributes the regrettable delays not least to the procrastination of the Council which has so far approved only 15 of the 35 proposals submitted by the Commission, and requests the Council therefore to intensify its activities in the field of environmental protection, in order to meet the commitments which it entered into of its own accord;
 4. Calls on the Council in future to honour its commitment to take decisions on Commission proposals within nine months of their submission;
 5. Regrets that the Commission has insufficient staff (13 officials in career bracket A for pollution problems, 13 officials in career bracket A for other problems concerned with protecting and improving the environment, three officials in career bracket B and 10 officials in career bracket C) to carry out the work necessary to implement the action programme on the environment, and therefore requests the Council to create the staffing and financial conditions necessary for effective and successful action by the Commission in the field of environmental protection;
 6. Requests that institutions and structures in the Member States be adapted and integrated for the implementation of the Community's environment policy;
 7. Welcomes the fact that in the second programme:
 - (a) the preventive nature of the environmental policy is strengthened,
 - (b) noise abatement measures are planned,
 - (c) particular importance is placed on the non-damaging use and more rational management of space, environment and natural resources;
 8. While recognizing the need for preliminary studies, investigations and research, stresses that these projects must lead rapidly to concrete proposals for directives, in particular on:
 - (a) further measures to restrict the use of harmful substances,
 - (b) the reduction of environmental pollution caused by certain production techniques,
 - (c) the prevention of overheating of rivers and the atmosphere in the Community caused by thermal discharge from power stations and the subsequent eutrophication of the rivers,
 - (d) the improvement in the quality of foodstuffs with the help of environmental protection measures,
 - (e) the reduction of environmental pollution caused by intensive farming and the use of mineral fertilizers,
 - (f) the conservation of marine mammals, the control of underwater fishing, and general regulations on hunting with the aim of protecting animal species,
 - (g) an effective campaign against wastage,
 - (h) the safe disposal of non-recoverable waste matter,
 - (i) a solution to the problems of disposal and definitive storage of radio-active waste resulting from the use of nuclear fuel and the closing down of nuclear facilities,
 - (j) measures to solve the economic problems of environmental protection;
 9. Calls upon the Commission to give priority to measures for:
 - (a) limiting the use of chemical pesticides,
 - (b) encouraging biological or integrated cultivation methods in agriculture,

- (c) limiting the absorption of nutrients by ground and surface water,
- (d) recycling waste materials,

and to submit appropriate proposals by 1977 at the latest since their implementation is urgently necessary for the protection of public health and the environment;

10. Urges that the action taken so far by the European Communities should be substantially strengthened through participation in the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine against Pollution to secure a swift reduction in pollution of the Rhine catchment area;

11. Considers it desirable for the Commission to concentrate its efforts aimed at solving the problems of water availability, distribution and purity primarily on concrete proposals for transfrontier areas, where there is an urgent need for the rational coordination of measures;

12. Regrets that the overall plan announced by the Commission which contains proposals for measures to reduce noise at various levels and sets out a suitable timetable, does not form part of the second programme, and requests the Commission to adopt this overall plan as a matter of urgency and to take note of the opinion of the European Parliament in this matter;

13. Calls upon the Commission to examine at an early date, with a view to maintaining the ozone layer in the atmosphere which protects human beings and animals against excessive ultra-violet solar rays liable to cause skin cancer, whether the propellant gases contained in spray cans are harmful, and if so, to see that unarmful propellant gases are used in future;

14. Endorses the observations contained in the Council resolution of 3 March 1975 ⁽¹⁾ on energy and the environment to the effect that:

- (a) energy-conserving measures are, as a general rule, also measures to preserve the environment and that the principles of sound environmental management, e.g. techniques for recycling and re-using waste materials, may be very important for the conservation of energy and resources in the widest sense,
- (b) despite temporary or long-term supply problems, there should be no lowering of quality standards and no slackening of efforts to protect and improve the environment, nor should those efforts be pursued with any less diligence,
- (c) measures should be taken to reduce even further, as compared with the present situation, the harmful environmental impact of energy production and use;

15. Emphasizes the need for the Community:

- (a) to make the best possible use of all available sources of energy,
- (b) to pursue a policy for the rational use of energy,
- (c) to give more support to research projects in the area of pollution and environmental damage,
- (d) to pursue a policy regarding the siting of nuclear power stations which takes into account economic considerations, the safety and protection of the environment and also the purpose of the common energy policy,
- (e) to implement suitable regulations on the emission of sulphur compounds and thermal discharges,
- (f) to create an agency specializing in the transport, storage and disposal of radioactive waste, and also to carry out stricter supervision and an extensive information campaign.

16. Notes that:

- (a) all sources of energy involve potential hazards for the environment which can and should be reduced as far as possible by the use of appropriate measures,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 168, 25. 7. 1975, p. 2.

- (b) to forgo the use of these sources would, in the last resort, restrict economic and social progress,
- (c) the Regulations currently in force regarding nuclear power stations allow the use and development of nuclear energy.
17. Points out that not only should efforts be made to identify and reduce the negative effects of agriculture on the environment but support must also be given to its positive effects and that sensible and convincing results can only be achieved if technology and practical experience are both put to use in working out common solutions.
18. Requests the Commission to press the Member States for a proper and orderly implementation of the Council Directive of 28 April 1975 on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas ⁽¹⁾ and to report in due course to the European Parliament on the measures taken;
19. Expects the Commission to take full account of the demands made by the European Parliament in its proposal for a Directive on the harmonization of legislation in Member States on the protection of birds which it announced a long time ago but which has still not been submitted;
20. Requests the Council to adopt as soon as possible the proposal for a directive on waste materials resulting from the production of titanium dioxide, taking account of the demands made by the European Parliament, so that the proposed measures may be put into effect at an early date;
21. Reiterates its requests to the Commission to create a Community environmental quality label for long-life products which can be easily recycled into the production process and cause only minimal pollution at the production and consumption stages;
22. Draws attention to the close inter-relationship between environmental protection policy and consumer protection policy, and requests the Commission and the Council to improve coordination of their work in these two important fields;
23. Considers it urgently necessary for the Commission to work together with the Member States in the framework of its information programme and consumer education and protection policy to promote public awareness of and cooperation in the projects already undertaken or planned for the recycling of waste materials;
24. Welcomes the Commission's intention to introduce a scheme for tests of environmental compatibility at Community level, recalls its earlier request to extend this scheme to public projects, and considers it essential for concrete proposals in this field to be submitted by 1978 at the latest;
25. Reminds the Commission of its undertaking, pursuant to point 8 of the Annex to the Council recommendation of 3 March 1975 concerning cost allocation and action by public authorities on environmental matters ⁽²⁾, to honour its obligation to submit to the Council at an early date all the necessary proposals regarding the harmonization of instruments for administering the 'polluter pays' principle and its specific application to the problems of transfrontier pollution;
26. Requests the Commission to submit in the near future a concrete Community programme for safety, hygiene and health protection at work;
27. Is convinced that the success of Community action in the field of environmental protection depends on both satisfactory application of Community legal acts and on effectively harmonized supervision of the measures adopted;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 194, 25. 7. 1975, p. 1.

28. Requests the Commission to honour at an early date its obligation set down in the first programme to publish in an annual report on environmental conditions in the Community the information provided to it by the Member States on the measures they have taken to implement the environmental protection legislation and on the relevant jurisprudence as well as data on improvements made and practical experience gained;
29. Stresses that the public at large has a legitimate right to be informed at least in broad outline of Community action in the field of environmental protection and therefore insists once again on the need for the Commission to publish each year a readily understandable summary of Community activity in the field of environmental protection;
30. Requests the Commission to submit suitable proposals to ensure that schools in the Community provide education in environmental protection and that an exchange takes place of teaching materials and experience gained;
31. Draws attention once again to the need for the Commission, in the framework of Community participation in international environmental protection agreements, to urge its treaty partners to set up watertight control systems, since there are still many gaps in the effective supervision of compliance with these conventions;
32. Considers it essential that on the basis of the CSCE decisions, the Commission should make contact with the East European states bordering on the Community, since these states are faced with similar environmental problems which could be solved by joint agreement to the benefit of all parties concerned;
33. Requests the Commission to ensure that the projects financed by the European Development Fund meet environmental protection requirements in the developing countries;
34. Requests the Commission to submit to the Council a suitably amended and completed proposal for the second environment protection programme, taking into account the above requests, remarks and recommendations.

Decision on the quality of surface fresh water in the Community

Lady Fisher introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 113/76) for a Decision establishing a uniform procedure for the exchange of information on the quality of surface fresh water in the Community (Doc. 205/76).

The following spoke: Mrs Kruchow and Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*.

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 establishing a uniform procedure for the exchange of information on the quality of surface fresh water in the Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 113/76),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 205/76),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 133, 14. 6. 1976, p. 25.

1. Welcomes the proposal as a further step towards reducing the pollution of surface water;
2. Regrets, however, the considerable backlog which has built up with regard to the timetable laid down in the programme of action on the environment of 22 November 1973;
3. Urges the Commission to add to the list of parameters to be examined at least those parameters which are necessary to verify whether Community legislation on the pollution of surface water is being observed;
4. Requests the Commission in future to extend the network of sampling or measuring stations so that surveillance of the degree of pollution in rivers can be undertaken efficiently;
5. Requests the Commission to investigate the feasibility of harmonizing the measuring methods used in order to simplify the exchange and interpretation of information and to submit proposals to this effect at the earliest opportunity;
6. Requests the Commission to specify when the data should be transmitted to it and also a minimum frequency for the measurements;
7. Requests the Commission to make following amendments to its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (1)

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Council Decision establishing a uniform procedure for the exchange of information on
the quality of surface fresh water in the Community**

Preamble, recitals and Articles 1 and 2 unchanged

Article 3

Article 3

Paragraphs 1 and 2 unchanged

3. The data shall be transmitted to the Commission *at least twice a year and in any case within six months of the measurements being effected.*

3. The data shall be transmitted to the Commission every six months. **These data shall include an indication of the frequency with which the samples are taken.**

4. The Commission shall draw up an annual consolidated report containing these data. The draft of this report shall be sent to the central agency in each Member State for verification purposes. The final version shall be transmitted to the Member States.

4. **Sampling shall take place at least once a week.**

5. The Commission shall draw up an annual consolidated report containing these data. The draft of this report shall be sent to the central agency in each Member State for verification purposes. The final version shall be transmitted to the Member States.

(1) For full text, see OJ No C 133, 14. 6. 1976, p. 25.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Articles 4 to 7 unchanged

Article 8

Article 8

Paragraphs 1 and 2 unchanged

3. (a) *Where the measures envisaged are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee, the Commission shall adopt them.*
- (b) *Where the measures envisaged are not in accordance with the opinion of the Committee, or if no opinion is delivered, the Commission shall without delay submit to the Council a proposal on the measures to be taken. The Council shall act by a qualified majority.*
- (c) *If within three months of the proposal being submitted to it the Council has not acted, the proposed measures shall be adopted by the Commission.*

3. The Commission shall lay down measures which shall be implemented forthwith. However, where they are not in accordance with the opinion of the Committee, the Commission shall inform the Council without delay. In such cases, the Commission may postpone enforcement of its measures for up to one month after this notification. The Council may decide differently, acting by a qualified majority, within one month.

Article 9 unchanged

Annexes I, II and III unchanged

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Friday, 9 July 1976:

9.30 a.m.:

- oral question with debate to the Commission on the European Regional Development Fund;
- oral question with debate to the Commission on obstacles to travel in the Community;
- Walkhoff report on the labelling and presentation of foodstuffs;
- Walkhoff report on safety information at the place of work;
- Flesch report on raw tobacco;

- Broeksz report on skimmed-milk powder;
- Willi Müller report on noise emission from subsonic aircraft;
- motion for a resolution on the Puerto Rico Summit;
- motion for a resolution on the ill-treatment of Vladimir Bukovsky;
- motion for a resolution on the respect of human rights in Argentina;
- Aigner report on the carrying forward of appropriations from 1975 to 1976 (without debate);
- oral question with debate to the Commission on the sentence passed on Mr Stanley Adams.

The sitting was closed at 8.55 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Jacques SANTER
Vice-President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, 9 JULY 1976

IN THE CHAIR: Mr J. SANTER
Vice-President

The sitting was opened at 9.30 a.m.

Approval of minutes

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

Documents received

The President announced that he had received from the Commission the report of the ECSC auditor for the financial year 1975 (Doc. 231/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets.

He also announced that he had received from the Council a request for an opinion on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for dried grapes in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less, falling within subheading 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff (1977) (Doc. 232/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the Committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion.

Reference back to committee

The President reminded Parliament that by letter of 5 February 1976 he had referred the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 506/75) for a Regulation establishing a system of aid for associations of bee-keepers to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

The Committee on Agriculture had drawn up a report on this matter (Doc. 64/76). The motion for a resolution contained in that report had been rejected by Parliament at its sitting of 13 May 1976.

The President announced that he had decided to consult the two abovementioned committees again on this matter so that a second report could be submitted by the Committee on Agriculture.

Oral question with debate: European Regional Development Fund

Mr McDonald moved the oral question with debate which he and Mr Creed, Mr Dunne, Mr Mursch, Mr Kavanagh and Mr Osborn had put to the Commission on the European Regional Development Fund (Doc. 189/76).

Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question.

The following spoke: Mr Yeats, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Evans, Mr Ellis, Mr Hamilton, Mr Lange, Mr Molloy, Mr McDonald and Mr Thomson.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Transfer of appropriations between chapters in the Commission's budget for 1976

The President announced that he had informed the Council and Commission that the Committee on Budgets had delivered a favourable opinion on the proposal for the transfer of appropriations between chapters in Section III 'Commission' of the general budget for the Communities for the financial year 1976 (priority action in data processing) — (Doc. 146/76).

Oral question with debate: Obstacles to travel within the Community

Mr Seefeld moved the oral question with debate which Mr Fellermaier had put on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission on obstacles to travel within the Community (Doc. 200/76/rev.).

Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question.

The following spoke: Mr Shaw on behalf of the European Conservative Group and Mr Mitchell.

The President declared the debate on this question closed.

Directive on the labelling and presentation of foodstuffs

Mr Walkhoff introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public

Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 52/76) for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer (Doc. 211/76).

The following spoke: Miss Boothroyd on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr De Keersmaecker on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mrs Kellett-Bowman on behalf of the European Conservative Group, (Mrs Kellett-Bowman also moved her amendment), Mrs Ewing, Mr McDonald, Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*, who said that he was willing to replace the words 'will keep until' by 'best consumed by' in Article 9 (2) of the proposal for a Directive.

Mr Walkhoff, *Rapporteur*, spoke, referring in particular to the amendments.

Parliament considered first the amendments on the proposal for a Directive.

On Article 9 (2), Mrs Kellett-Bowman had tabled on behalf of the European Conservative Group amendment No 3, which she withdrew in the light of the modification the Commission had said it was prepared to make.

On Article 13, second paragraph, Mr Walkhoff had tabled on behalf of the Socialist Group amendment No 2.

Amendment No 2 was adopted.

Parliament now considered the motion for a resolution and first adopted the preamble and paragraphs 1 to 6.

On paragraph 7, Mr Walkhoff had tabled on behalf of the Socialist Group amendment No 1, which he now moved.

Amendment No 1 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 8 to 12.

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 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary programme of the European Economic Community for a consumer protection and information policy of 14 April 1975 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽²⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 52/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 211/76),

1. Welcomes the proposal for a Directive as an important contribution towards the implementation of the consumer protection programme of the European Economic Community of 14 April 1975, but regrets that only now, 18 years after the establishment of the common market, has the Commission submitted its proposal, despite its importance for consumer policy and repeated calls by the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee;

2. Calls on the Commission in future to forward to the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection all opinions of the Advisory Committee on Foodstuffs and the Consumers' Consultative Committee, so that its committee is in a position to examine the Commission's proposals with full knowledge of the facts;

3. Regrets that the present proposal for a directive does not cover semi-finished foodstuffs, i.e. those requiring further processing or preparation, and therefore calls on the Commission to submit by the end of 1976 an appropriate proposal for a Directive on semi-finished foodstuffs.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 92, 25. 4. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 91, 22. 4. 1976, p. 3.

4. Points out that the list of terms constituting claims the use of which should be prohibited or restricted, provided for in Article 2, cannot be exhaustive, but can only serve as a guideline, and asks the Council to establish this list not later than the time the Directive enters into force and to consult the European Parliament on the relevant proposal from the Commission beforehand;
5. Considers it essential for existing gaps in the legislation on individual foodstuffs to be filled as quickly as possible by Community Regulations since the maintenance of national regulations, though possible for the time being, may lead to obstacles to trade within the Community in this area;
6. Stresses the need for the consumer to be informed by appropriate indications in cases where foodstuffs contain pesticide residues, so that he can make his purchasing decision in full possession of the facts;
7. Once again insists that manufacturers should be required to make the stipulated indications on product packings for the consumer's information at least in the language or languages of the country of destination, so as to avoid serious confusion and misunderstandings;
8. Holds to its repeatedly expressed view that strict controls are necessary to prevent the use within the Community of products intended for export, and to facilitate such controls, calls for distinctive marking of products to show whether they are intended for consumption in the Community or third countries;
9. Considers it essential, in view of the already considerable delays, for the periods laid down in Article 18 for implementing the Directive to be shortened by one year, which will still leave manufacturers and the trade enough time to make the necessary adjustments and changes;
10. Calls on the Council to take an early decision on the changes necessary to adapt present Community legislation on foodstuffs to this Directive, so that there will not be yet more delays in the long awaited harmonization in this area;
11. Urges the Council, moreover, to meet the obligation it undertook in the consumer protection programme of 14 April 1975 by taking a decision on the Commission's proposal within nine months of its submission;
12. Requests the Commission to incorporate in its proposal the following amendments, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ⁽¹⁾

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of Member States relating to the
labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer**

Preamble, recitals and Article 1 unchanged

Article 2

Article 2

Paragraph 1 unchanged

⁽¹⁾ For full text, see OJ No C 91, 22. 4. 1976, p. 3.

**TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

2. The Council, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 100 of the Treaty, shall draw up a list of the terms which constitute such claims the use of which should be prohibited or restricted.

Paragraph 3 unchanged

Article 3

In accordance with Articles 4 to 13 and subject to the exceptions contained therein, the following particulars shall appear on the labelling of foodstuffs:

Items 1 to 3 unchanged

4. the date of minimum durability;

Items 5 and 6 unchanged

7. particulars as to the place of origin or provenance *in the exceptional cases where failure to give such particulars might give rise to confusion as to the true origin of the foodstuff*;

Article 4 unchanged

Article 5

3. The name under which the product is sold shall also include particulars as to the physical condition of the foodstuff or the specific treatment which it has undergone (e.g. powdered, freeze-dried, deep-frozen, concentrated, smoked) *in all cases where omission of such information could lead to confusion in the mind of the consumer*.

Article 6

Paragraph 1 unchanged

Paragraph 2 (a) and (b) unchanged

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2. The Council, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 100 of the Treaty, shall draw up, as a guideline, **not later than the date of entry into force of this Directive**, a list of the terms which constitute such claims the use of which should be prohibited or restricted.

Article 3

In accordance with Articles 4 to 13 and subject to the exceptions contained therein, the following particulars shall appear under the labelling of foodstuffs:

4. the date of minimum durability **pursuant to Article 9**;

7. particulars as to the place of origin or provenance;

Article 5

3. The name under which the product is sold shall also include particulars as to the physical condition of the foodstuff or the specific treatment which it has undergone (e.g. powdered, freeze-dried, deep-frozen, concentrated, smoked).

Article 6

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2. (c) The following, however, shall not be considered as ingredients:

- *pesticide residues*,
- additives whose presence in the foodstuff is due solely to the fact that they were present in one or more of the ingredients of the foodstuff, provided they no longer perform any function.

2. (c) The following, however, shall not be considered as ingredients:

- additives whose presence in the foodstuff is due solely to the fact that they were present in one or more of the ingredients of the foodstuff, provided they no longer perform any function.

Paragraphs 3 to 5 unchanged

6. Additives must be added in sufficient quantity to affect the specific properties of the foodstuff.

Articles 7 to 9 unchanged

Article 10

Article 10

Paragraphs 1 and 2 unchanged

3. The particulars specified in Article 3 (1) and (3):

- (a) shall appear in all cases on that part of the pre-packaging which normally faces the purchaser at the time of the sale;
- (b) Shall be printed in characters at least 1.5 mm high, subject to the application of Community provisions relating to pre-packaging; *this limit shall not apply to pre-packaging of which the largest surface is less than 20 cm².*

(3) The particulars specified in Article 3 (1), (3) and (4):

- (a) shall appear in all cases on that part of the pre-packaging which normally faces the purchaser at the time of sale; **this part of the pre-packaging shall contain a reference to the list of ingredients located elsewhere;**
- (b) shall be printed in characters at least 1.5 mm high, subject to the application of Community provisions relating to pre-packaging.

Paragraph 4 unchanged

Article 11

Article 11

Where foodstuffs are offered for sale to the ultimate consumer without pre-packaging, Member States shall adopt detailed rules concerning the manner in which the particulars specified in Articles 3 and 4 (2) are to be shown.

They may make the provision of certain particulars compulsory only, provided that the consumer receives sufficient information.

The provisions of Article 10 shall apply as appropriate to foodstuffs offered to the ultimate consumer without pre-packaging.

Article 12 unchanged

 TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
 OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

 TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Article 13

Member States shall refrain from laying down requirements more detailed than those already contained in Articles 3 to 10 concerning the manner in which the particulars provided for in Articles 3 and 4 (2) are to be shown.

The Member States shall, however, ensure that the sale of foodstuffs within their territory is prohibited if the particulars provided for in Articles 3 and 4 (2) do not appear *in a language easily understood by purchasers*, although the present provision shall not prevent such particulars from being indicated in various languages.

Article 13

unchanged

The Member States shall, however, ensure that the sale of foodstuffs within their territory is prohibited if the particulars provided for in Articles 3 and 4 (2) do not appear **in the national language or languages**, although the present provision shall not prevent such particulars from being indicated in various languages.

Article 14 unchanged

Article 15

Paragraphs 1 and 2 unchanged

3. (a) *Where the measures envisaged are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee, the Commission shall adopt them.*
- (b) *Where the measures envisaged are not in accordance with the opinion of the Committee, or if no opinion is delivered, the Commission shall without delay submit to the Council a proposal on the measures to be taken. The Council shall act by qualified majority.*
- (c) *If within three months of the proposal being submitted to it, the Council has not acted, the proposed measure shall be adopted by the Commission.*

Article 15

3. (a) **The Commission shall adopt measures, which shall be taken immediately.**
- (b) **If, however, they are not in accordance with the opinion of the Committee, they shall without delay be submitted by the Commission to the Council. In such cases the Commission may postpone application of the measures it has adopted by up to one month after submission.**
- (c) **The Council may take a different decision within one month, acting by a qualified majority.**

Article 16 and 17 unchanged

Article 18

Paragraph 1 unchanged

2. *Member States shall also ensure that the Commission receives the text of any essential provision of national law which they adopt in the field governed by this Directive.*

Article 18

2. **The text of any provision of national law which Member States intend to adopt in the field governed by this Directive shall be communicated to the Commission early enough for it to give an opinion thereon.**

Article 19 unchanged

Annexes I and II unchanged

Directive on the provision of safety information at the work place

Mr Walkhoff introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 68/76) for a Directive on the harmonization of the legal and administrative regulations of the Member States on the provision of safety information at the work place (Doc. 217/76).

Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*, spoke.

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 on the harmonization of the legal and administrative regulations of the Member States on the provision of safety information at the work place

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 the second paragraph of Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 68/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 217/76),
1. Welcomes the proposal for a Directive as an important step towards the reduction of the number of industrial accidents;
 2. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission hopes to make standardized safety information compulsory in all the Member States, making use of signs which are as simple and striking as possible;
 3. Expresses the hope that the Commission, in a second stage, will add some further necessary signs to its list;
 4. Urges the Commission to propose at an early date further measures detailing the scope and nature of the obligation to display signs, examining, for example, the question how to ensure that signs can be seen properly in poorly lit and very dusty locations;
 5. Requests the Commission to check carefully and continuously whether this directive needs to be adapted to further developments in sign methods and requirements and to take the requisite measures;
 6. Requests the Commission to incorporate in its proposal the following amendment, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 96, 29. 4. 1976, p. 2.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ⁽¹⁾

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Council Directive on the harmonization of the legal and administrative regulations of the Member States on the provision of safety information at the work place

Preamble, recitals and Articles 1 to 5 unchanged

Article 6

Article 6

Paragraphs 1 and 2 unchanged

3. (a) *Where the measures envisaged are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee, the Commission shall adopt them.*
- (b) *Where the measures envisaged are not in accordance with the opinion of the Committee, or if no opinion is delivered, the Commission shall without delay submit to the Council a proposal on the measures to be taken. The Council shall act by a qualified majority.*
- (c) *If within three months of the proposal being submitted to it, the Council has not acted, the proposed measures shall be adopted by the Commission.*
3. The Commission shall adopt measures to be applied immediately. Where such measures are not in accordance with the opinion of the Committee, the Commission shall inform the Council of this fact. In such cases the Commission may postpone application of the measures it has adopted until one month after their notification. The Council may decide otherwise acting by a qualified majority within one month.

Articles 7 and 8 unchanged

Annexes I and II unchanged

⁽¹⁾ For full text, see OJ No C 96, 29. 4. 1976, p. 2.

Regulation on raw tobacco

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Miss Flesch on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 161/76) for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3015/75 of 17 November 1975, opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for raw or unmanufactured flue-cured Virginia type tobacco (Doc. 207/76).

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3015/75 of 17 November 1975 opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for raw or unmanufactured flue-cured Virginia type tobacco

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 228 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 161/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 207/76),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Underlines, however, that as the European Parliament is only able to give an opinion some weeks after the proposed date of entry into force of the Regulation, it will not be possible for the Regulation to enter into force until later than the date proposed by the Commission;
 3. Welcomes the flexibility shown by the Commission in proposing a measure which will prevent damage to certain countries exporting this type of tobacco.

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Regulation on the supply of skimmed-milk powder to certain developing countries and international organizations

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Mr Broeksz, on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 183/76) for a Regulation amending the Regulation laying down the general rules for the supply of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 programme (Doc. 208/76).

The following spoke: Mr Broeksz, Mr Laban and Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission.*

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 amending the Regulation laying down general rules for the supply of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 programme

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 269 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 183/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 208/76),
- having regard to the fact that the food situation has continued to deteriorate in many developing countries in recent years,

1. Welcomes the decision of principle of the Council of 2 and 3 March 1976 to increase the amount of food aid to 200 000 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder;
 2. Agrees with the Commission's proposal to increase the supply of skimmed-milk powder in 1976 to 150 000 metric tons, i.e., following the decision on 1 June to supply 55 000 metric tons, to make available a further 95 000 metric tons under the 1976 food-aid programme in the second half of 1976 and to provide for the allocation of the remaining 50 000 metric tons in the 1977 programme;
 3. Supports the Commission's demand that an extra 93 million units of account should be allocated in the budget to finance this programme and urges the Council to approve these appropriations as quickly as possible in order that this aid can be duly supplied in the second half of 1976;
 4. Welcomes the expansion of the skimmed-milk powder programme since the Community is now able to make a positive response to applications received from countries and institutions, which already total 201 195 metric tons;
 5. Considers the increased supply of skimmed-milk powder particularly important because the Community is practically the only supplier of this highly nutritive product;
 6. Considers it essential for moral reasons that parallel with the use of part of the skimmed-milk powder stocks as animal feed, a substantial proportion of the milk-powder mountain, which has already exceeded the million metric tons mark, should be made available to the developing countries;
 7. Takes the view that this will constitute a positive Community response to the appeals made at the World Food Conference and to the requirements of the Second Development Decade;
 8. Supports the Commission's view that the skimmed-milk powder should go mainly to the most severely affected areas but also feels that priority should be given to those countries which are not able to meet their requirements by normal imports;
 9. Warmly welcomes the fact that the Commission draws attention in its communication to possible damage to health which may occur as a result of the use of skimmed-milk powder in the developing countries and emphasizes the fact that everything must be done to avoid any such damage;
 10. Considers it appropriate therefore that the skimmed-milk powder should be processed by the milk and food industry of the countries receiving the aid;
 11. Notes with satisfaction the Commission's intention to draw up a multiannual programme for the planned supplies of aid to enable the countries concerned to receive and process these supplies and, where appropriate, make allowance for them in particular development projects;
 12. Considers it appropriate to adopt the principle of a tendering procedure to ensure that delivery is effected at the most favourable rates but also takes the view that in particularly urgent cases non-bureaucratic methods could be used;
 13. Hopes that everything will be done to ensure that supplies actually reach those in need;
 14. Calls on the Commission, when assigning priorities in development policy, to give the highest precedence to the development of agricultural infrastructures in the developing countries in order to increase their degree of self-sufficiency;
 15. Stresses in conclusion that food aid must not be dependent on the vicissitudes of the common agricultural market, but should be granted for humanitarian reasons and must therefore be a permanent, integral part of the Community's overall development policy.
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Directive on the limitation of noise emission from subsonic aircraft

Mr Flämig introduced the report drawn up by Mr Willi Müller on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 59/76) for a Directive on the limitation of noise emission from subsonic aircraft (Doc. 199/76).

Mr Normanton and Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*, spoke.

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 on the limitation of noise emission from subsonic aircraft

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 59/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the opinion of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc. 199/76),
1. Notes that the type and level of noise emission from aircraft and the increase in air traffic have led to a steady deterioration of the environment, placing an intolerable burden on people living near airports;
 2. Welcomes the Commission's proposal, therefore, as a first step towards a substantial reduction of the noise nuisance caused by aircraft;
 3. Is convinced that with its binding character, the Directive is the only appropriate legal instrument for the Community measures envisaged to limit aircraft noise, since the present international agreements in this field consist simply of non-mandatory recommendations, which are unlikely to be put into effect in the foreseeable future because of the lengthy ratification process;
 4. Calls upon the Commission to submit in the near future similar proposals for the limitation of noise emission from other categories of aircraft, in particular from heavy propeller aircraft, short take-off aircraft and helicopters, drawing on the studies currently being made by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO);
 5. Stresses the need for further Community Regulations on noise abatement facilities at airports with nearby residential areas, creating noise protection zones for the people living there;
 6. Insists that in a spirit of cooperation and mutual trust between the Member States, the EEC aircraft noise limitation certificate provided for in Article 3 of the proposal for a Directive must remain valid and binding throughout the Community even if the aircraft in question is registered in another Member State;
 7. Urges that the provisions for checking on compliance with the regulations in the proposal be stringently and uniformly framed, since only in this way can their effectiveness and total application be guaranteed;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 126, 9. 6. 1976, p. 2.

8. Considers it furthermore essential for the enforcement of the Directive that Member States should be required to prohibit take-off and landing on their territory of any aircraft which do not comply with the noise emission standards laid down in the Directive;

9. Insists that the 18-month period before the proposal comes into effect — which it considers generous — should be strictly adhered to in the interests of the population exposed to noise nuisances;

10. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ⁽¹⁾

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Council Directive on the limitation of noise emission from subsonic aircraft

Preamble and recitals 1 to 5 unchanged

sixth recital

Whereas this certificate should be issued by the competent authority of the State in which the aircraft is registered; whereas *this certificate could be withdrawn* if the aircraft no longer complies with this Directive;

sixth recital

Whereas this certificate should be issued by the competent authority of the State in which the aircraft is registered; whereas **it should be suspended or withdrawn** if the aircraft no longer complies with this Directive;

Recitals 7 to 9 and Articles 1 and 2 unchanged

Article 3

Article 3

Paragraphs 1 to 3 unchanged

4. *Where the State of registration is changed, a new EEC certificate must be issued by the new State to replace the old certificate.*

4. **deleted**

Article 4

Article 4

Paragraph 1 unchanged

2. Where a Member State finds, after carrying out a check, that an aircraft entered on its register no longer conforms to the requirements of this Directive, it shall take the necessary measures to ensure such conformity.

2. Where a Member State finds, after carrying out a check, that an aircraft entered on its register no longer conforms to the requirements of this Directive, it shall take the necessary measures to ensure such conformity.

⁽¹⁾ For full text, see OJ No C 126, 9. 6. 1976, p. 6.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The competent authorities of that Member State shall, within one month, inform those of the other Member States concerned of any discrepancies found and of the measures taken.

These measures *may, where necessary, extend to the suspension or withdrawal of the EEC noise limitation certificate.*

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The competent authorities of that Member State shall, within one month, inform those of the other Member States concerned of any discrepancies found and of the measures taken.

These measures **shall involve the suspension or withdrawal of the EEC noise limitation certificate.**

Paragraph 3 and Article 5 unchanged

Article 6

No Member State may refuse, on grounds relating to the level of the noise it emits, to allow an aircraft to take off or land on its territory, where the aircraft possesses a valid EEC noise limitation certificate.

Article 6

No Member State may refuse, on grounds relating to the level of the noise it emits, to allow an aircraft to take off or land on its territory, where the aircraft possesses a valid EEC noise limitation certificate. **If this is not the case, then Member States shall prohibit take-off and landing.**

Articles 7 to 9 unchanged

Article 10

Article 10

Paragraphs 1 and 2 unchanged

3. (a) *Where the measures envisaged are in accordance with the opinion of the committee, the Commission shall adopt them.*
- (b) *Where the measures envisaged are not in accordance with the opinion of the committee, or where no opinion is delivered, the Commission shall forthwith submit to the Council a proposal on the measures to be taken. The Council shall act by a qualified majority.*
- (c) *If, within three months of the proposal being submitted to it, the Council has not acted, the proposed measures shall be adopted by the Commission.*

3. (a) **The Commission shall adopt measures for immediate implementation.**
- (b) **Where the said measures are not in accordance with the opinion of the committee, they shall immediately be notified to the Council by the Commission. In this case the Commission may defer the application of the measures it has adopted for up to one month following such notification.**
- (c) **The Council may take a different decision within one month by a qualified majority.**

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Article 11

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Paragraph 1 unchanged

2. Member States shall ensure that the text of the *main* provisions of national law which they *adopt* in the field covered by this Directive are communicated to the Commission.

2. Member States shall ensure that the text of the provisions of national law which they **intend to adopt** in the field covered by this Directive are communicated to the Commission **in adequate time for the Commission to express an opinion on them.**

Article 12 unchanged

Annexes I, II and III unchanged

Puerto Rico Summit

Mr Alfred Bertrand introduced the motion for a resolution which he had tabled, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, together with Sir Peter Kirk, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, on the Puerto Rico Summit Conference (Doc. 227/76).

Mr Bangemann spoke on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the Puerto Rico Summit Conference

The European Parliament,

- having taken note of the outcome of the Summit Conference on economic problems held on 26 and 27 June on the initiative of Mr Gerald Ford, President of the United States,
 - having regard to the fact that the subjects discussed by the participants were among the problems which the Paris Summit Conference of December 1974 had expressly stated fell within the Community's sphere of competence,
1. Profoundly regrets that certain Member States of the EEC accepted the invitation without any prior consultation within the Community institutions;
 2. Deplores the fact that none of the Community institutions were able to participate in this Conference;
 3. Expresses its deepest concern at the fact that such a Conference might be called again since an initiative of this kind would call into question the *raison d'être* of the Community institutions, and in this connection urgently appeals to each Member State's sense of responsibility towards the EEC;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.
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Ill-treatment of Vladimir Bukovsky

Lord Bethell introduced the motion for a resolution which he had tabled, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, together with Mr Alfred Bertrand, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, on the ill-treatment of Vladimir Bukovsky (Doc. 228/76).

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION**on the ill-treatment of Vladimir Bukovsky**

The European Parliament,

— concerned that Vladimir Bukovsky, imprisoned for exposing the psychiatric abuses of the Soviet prison system, is in danger of dying from lack of proper food and medical treatment,

1. Considers this a violation of human rights and an obstacle to the improvement of *détente* between East and West;
2. Draws attention to the Soviet Government's neglect of those parts of the Helsinki Final Act which guarantee respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;
3. Issues an urgent appeal to the Soviet Government to cease their present ill-treatment of Bukovsky and other political prisoners, in the light of the Helsinki Agreement;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments of the Member States.

Respect of democratic freedoms in Argentina

Mr Glinne introduced the motion for a resolution which he and Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Albers, Mr Boano, Mr Corona, Mr Knud Nielsen, Mr Patijn, Mr Schmidt, Mr Schuijt, Mr Seefeld and Mr Stewart had tabled on the respect of democratic freedoms and human rights in Argentina (Doc. 229/76).

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION**on the respect of democratic freedoms and human rights in Argentina**

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the suppression of human rights in Argentina,

1. Deeply regrets the indefinite suspension of constitutional guarantees following the accession to power of the military junta in March 1976;

2. Deplores the fact that the situation as regards human rights is steadily deteriorating, as can be seen from the numerous political assassinations, and that the safety of many Latin American democrats who have found refuge in this country no longer seems to be guaranteed;
3. Expresses in particular its concern and deep regret at the assassination of Mr Gutierrez Ruiz, last President of the Uruguayan Parliament, who had sought refuge in Argentina and who had courageously spoken out against the suppression of democratic freedoms at the second meeting between the European Parliament and the Latin American Parliament in Luxembourg in November 1975;
4. Asks the Council to take all the necessary steps to ensure that the positions of the Member States are harmonized in the broadest possible sense in respect of the exercise of the right of asylum in their embassies in Buenos Aires;
5. Asks the Council to inform the Governments of the Member States of its concern and request them to notify the Argentinian authorities of this concern, notably during the visit of Argentinian officials to the European Community;
6. Instructs its President to take the necessary steps to obtain all available information on the safety of the Argentinian members of the Latin American Parliament, with which it has close relations.

Carry-forward of appropriations from 1975 to 1976

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Mr Aigner on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the second list of requests to carry forward appropriations from the financial year 1975 to the financial year 1976 (appropriations not carried forward automatically) — (Doc. 159/76) — (Doc. 218/76).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the second list of requests to carry forward appropriations from the financial year 1975 to the financial year 1976 (appropriations not automatically carried forward)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list submitted by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 258),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 6 (2) of the Financial Regulation ⁽¹⁾ of the European Communities (Doc. 159/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 218/76),

1. Reiterates the view it expressed in resolutions on this matter in previous years ⁽²⁾ and in the resolution on the first list of requests for the non-automatic carrying forward of appropriations to the financial year 1976 ⁽³⁾, namely that, while such requests may be a necessary part of flexible financial management, they should nevertheless be of an exceptional character;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 116, 1. 5. 1973.

⁽²⁾ Most recently in OJ No C 128, 9. 6. 1975 and OJ No C 157, 14. 7. 1975.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 125, 8. 6. 1976, p. 31.

2. Recalls its earlier expression of concern as regards the possible danger which the abuse of the carry-forward procedure could pose for Parliament's role in the budgetary sphere ⁽¹⁾;
3. Draws particular attention in this connection to the following points:
 - the carrying forward of appropriations causes an implicit accumulation in the following budget of expenditure residues which are not evident from the budget itself,
 - such a procedure impairs budgetary transparency, and
 - the expenditure residues not only give rise to problems of approval, but also make the auditing of accounts more difficult;
4. Declares that it will make a very careful study of those aspects of the proposed new version of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 relating to the institutionalization of a system of commitment authorizations with a view to assessing the need to continue with the system of non-automatic carry forwards;
5. Deplores the Commission's failure this year to meet the deadline laid down by Article 6 (2) of the Financial Regulation;
6. Approves the non-automatic carrying forward of appropriations pursuant to Article 6 (1) (b) of the Financial Regulation amounting to:
 - (a) 386 842 u.a. (Chapter 27 'Expenditure on publishing and information', Article 270) in respect of the 'Commission' section of the budget,
 - (b) 2 434 288.36 u.a. (Chapter 33 'Expenditure on research and investment', Article 330) in respect of the 'Commission' section,
 - (c) 8 078 079.99 u.a. (Chapter 53 'Social Fund — expenditure provided for under Article 125 (1) (a) of the EEC Treaty', Article 530) in respect of the 'Commission' section, and
 - (d) 5 688 606.68 u.a. (Chapter 92 'Food aid in the form of cereals', item 9201, 1975 programme) in respect of the 'Commission' section;
7. Approves, therefore, all the requests to carry forward appropriations from the financial year 1975 to the financial year 1976 (appropriations not carried forward automatically) which, together with those in the first list, which were dealt with in a separate motion for a resolution, amount to 140 891 276.34 u.a. in respect of the 'Commission' section of the budget and 20 000 u.a. in respect of Annex I (Economic and Social Committee) of the 'Council' section;
8. Welcomes the percentage decrease — in terms of the 1976 budget as a whole — in the carrying forward of appropriations;
9. Will devote further attention to the question of carry forwards, especially those aspects relating to the control of expenditure and multi-year budgeting, in the context of its deliberations on the proposal for a Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 157, 14. 7. 1975, p. 95.

Oral question with debate: Sentence passed on Mr Stanley Adams

Mr Prescott moved the oral question with debate put by Mr Fellermaier on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Bertrand on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Durieux on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr de la Malène on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Sir Peter Kirk on behalf of the European Conservative Group and Mr Leonardi on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, to the Commission on the sentence passed on Mr Stanley Adams (Doc. 230/76).

Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question.

The following spoke: Mr Bangemann on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Prescott and Mr Thomson.

The President declared the debate on this question closed.

Dates for next part-session

On a proposal from the enlarged Bureau, Parliament decided to hold its next part-session in Luxembourg from 13 to 17 September 1976.

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 1.20 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Jacques SANTER
Vice-President
