

Official Journal

of the European Communities

Volume 19 No C 238

11 October 1976

English Edition

Information and Notices

Contents

I *Information*

European Parliament

1976/77 session

| | |
|---|----|
| Minutes of the sitting of Monday, 13 September 1976 | 1 |
| Adoption of the agenda | 10 |
| Minutes of the sitting of Tuesday, 14 September 1976 | 11 |
| Opinion on the proposal for a multiannual research programme of the Joint Research Centre (1977 to 1980) | 11 |
| Resolution on the present state of economic and commercial relations between the Community and Canada and opinion on the Framework Agreement for commercial and economic cooperation between Canada and the European Communities | 15 |
| Resolution on the report of the Commission on the development of the social situation in the Community in 1975 | 17 |
| Resolution on the second request for the unfreezing of appropriations entered under certain chapters of the statement of expenditure relating to research and investment activities of the budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year | 19 |
| Minutes of the sitting of Wednesday, 15 September 1976 | 20 |
| Question Time | |
| Questions to the Council | |
| No 1 by Mr Berkhouwer: Possible withholding of financial aid from a Member State | 21 |
| No 2 by Mr Normanton: Severing of relations with Uganda | 21 |
| No 3 by Mr Fletcher: Council's Rules of Procedure | 21 |
| Questions to the Commission | |
| No 4 by Mr Cousté: Situation in the data-processing sector | 21 |
| No 5 by Mr Nyborg: Effects of energy extraction on fishing | 21 |

Contents (continued)

| | |
|---|----|
| No 7 by Mr Osborn: International sugar negotiations | 21 |
| No 8 by Mr Dalyell: Scots law and the Scots legal system | 22 |
| No 9 by Mr Cointat: Aid for marine aquiculture | 22 |
| No 11 by Mr Dondelinger: Information on the European Regional Fund | 22 |
| No 12 by Mr Hughes: Recruiting of new staff | 22 |
| No 13 by Mr Kavanagh: Community programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty | 22 |
| No 14 by Mr Evans: Concentration of wealth in prosperous regions of the Community | 22 |
| No 15 by Mr Prescott: Conviction of Mr Stanley Adams | 23 |
| No 16 by Mr Hamilton: Tax on vegetable oil | 23 |
| No 17 by Lord Bethell: Smoking and its effects on health | 23 |
| Resolution on direct elections to the European Parliament by universal suffrage | 25 |
| Opinion on the draft Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities | 27 |
| | |
| Minutes of the sitting of Thursday, 16 September 1976 | 28 |
| | |
| Resolution on draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 | 29 |
| | |
| Oral questions with debate by Mr Cointat on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Council and Commission: The state of agriculture and the development of farmers' incomes | 29 |
| | |
| Oral question with debate by Mr Martens and Mr Alfred Bertrand on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group to the Commission: The consequences of the drought | 29 |
| | |
| Oral question with debate by Mr Fellermaier, Mr Broeksz, Mr Corona, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mr Espersen, Mr Giraud, Mr Glinne and Mr Hansen on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission: The consequences of the drought and protection of the consumer | 29 |
| | |
| Oral question with debate by Mr Durieux, Mr Houdet, Mr Bourdellès, Mr Kofoed and Mr Jozeau-Marigné on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group to the Commission: The economic repercussions of the drought on the agricultural economy and Community food supplies | 30 |
| | |
| Oral question with debate by Mr Scott-Hopkins on behalf of the European Conservative Group to the Commission: Milk production | 30 |
| | |
| Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation on the common organization of the market in potatoes | 30 |
| | |
| Oral question with debate by Lady Fisher, Mr Hughes, Mr Hansen, Mr Broeksz and Mr Flämig to the Commission: Common agricultural policy and the Third World | 33 |
| | |
| Oral question with debate by Miss Flesch, Mr Van Der Hek, Mr Kaspereit, Lord Reay and Mr Springorum to the Commission: North/south dialogue | 33 |
| | |
| Resolution on the state of the north/south dialogue | 33 |
| | |
| Resolution on the fifth report of the Commission on competition policy | 35 |
| | |
| Oral question with debate by Mr Della Briotta, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Corona, Mr Bermiani, Mr Concas and Mr Ariosto on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission: Dioxin pollution in Seveso | 36 |
| | |
| Oral question with debate by Mr Alfred Bertrand, Mr Bersani, Mr Noè, Mr Ligios, Mr Girardin and Mr Vernaschi on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group to the Commission: The poisonous cloud of Seveso and its consequences | 36 |

(Continued on inside back cover)

Contents (continued)

| | |
|---|----|
| Minutes of the sitting of Friday, 17 September 1976 | 37 |
| Opinion on the proposal for a Directive coordinating the conditions for the admission of securities to official stock exchange quotation | 37 |
| Opinion on the proposal for a Directive on the harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to customs debt | 42 |
| Opinion on the amended proposal for a Directive on the harmonization of the laws relating to vehicle driving licences | 43 |
| Opinion on the proposals for: | |
| — a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 on the granting of a conversion premium in the wine sector | |
| — a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 827/68 on the common organization of the market in certain products listed in Annex II to the Treaty | |
| — a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions | |
| — a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2893/74 on sparkling wines produced in the Community and defined in item 12 of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 and Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions | 48 |

I

(Information)

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1976/77 SESSION

Sitting from 13 to 17 September 1976

European Centre, Kirchberg — Luxembourg

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF MONDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 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 9 July 1976.

Appointment of a member of Parliament

The President announced that the Presidents of the First and of the Second Chamber of the States-General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands had appointed Mr Waltmans as a member of the European Parliament to replace Mr Hartog.

The President also announced that the new member's credentials would be verified after the next meeting of the Bureau. Pursuant to Rule 3 (3) of the Rules of

Procedure, this member would provisionally take his seat in Parliament and on its committees with the same rights as other members.

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed the new representative.

Appointment of members of the Commission of the European Communities

The President announced that the President of the Conference of representatives of the Governments of the Member States had informed him of the appointment as members of the Commission of Mr Guazzaroni to replace Mr Spinelli and Mr Vouel to replace Mr Borschette.

Appointment of judges and an advocate-general to the Court of Justice of the European Communities

The President announced that the President of the Conference of representatives of the Governments of

the Member States had informed him of the appointment of Mr Bosco, Mr Donner, Mr Kutscher and Lord Mackenzie Stuart as judges and Mr Capotorti as advocate-general to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for the period from 7 October 1976 to 6 October 1982.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following documents:

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

- a proposal for the transfer of appropriations between chapters in Section III — Commission — of the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 (Doc. 233/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions (Doc. 234/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2893/74 on sparkling wines produced in the Community and defined in item 12 of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 and Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions (Doc. 235/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 827/68 on the common organization of the market in certain products listed in Annex II to the Treaty (Doc. 238/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a

Directive amending Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964, Directive 72/461/EEC of 12 December 1972 and Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary problems (Doc. 240/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture, as the committee responsible, and to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, for its opinion;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive (sixth Directive) amending Directive 72/464/EEC on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco (Doc. 241/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs;

- the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for Regulations on the application of generalized tariff preferences in 1977 (Doc. 242/76).

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

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

I. a Decision instituting a consultation procedure and creating a Committee in the field of transport infrastructure

II. a Regulation concerning aid to projects of Community interest in the field of transport infrastructure (Doc. 244/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation relating to the organization of a survey on the structure of agricultural holdings for 1977 (Doc. 246/76).

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

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for an action programme (1977 to 1980) for the progressive achievement of balance in the milk market (Doc. 247/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation introducing a premium system for the non-marketing of milk and milk products and for the conversion of dairy cow herds (Doc. 248/76).

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

- a proposal for the transfer of appropriations between chapters in Section II — Council — Annex I — Economic and Social Committee — of the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 (Doc. 249/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 on the granting of a conversion premium in the wine sector (Doc. 250/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation containing provisions to enable the International Atomic Energy Agency to carry out inspections and verifications in the territories of the Member States of the European Atomic Energy Community (Doc. 251/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Energy and Research, as the committee responsible, and to the Political Affairs Committee for its opinion;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for fresh or dried hazelnuts, shelled or otherwise, falling within subheading ex 08.05 G of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Turkey (1977) (Doc. 252/76).

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;

- a proposal for the transfer of appropriations between chapters in Section II — Council — Annex III — ECSC Auditor — of the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 (Doc. 253/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation increasing the Community tariff quota opened for 1976 by Regulation (EEC) No 2888/75 for certain eels falling within subheading ex 03.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff (Doc. 254/76).

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;

- 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 ranges of nominal quantities permitted for certain prepackaged products (Doc. 255/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive supplementing, with regard to the chilling process, amended Directive 71/118/EEC on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat (Doc. 256/76).

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

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a four-year period programme (1977 to 1980) in the field of scientific and technical education (Doc. 257/76).

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

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a Community tariff quota for certain eels falling within subheading ex 03.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff (first half of 1977) (Doc. 258/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations, as the committee responsible, and the Committee on Agriculture, for its opinion;
- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation supplementing Regulation (EEC) No 100/76 with regard to arrangements for importing prepared and preserved sardines (Doc. 259/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;
- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on toxic and dangerous wastes (Doc. 260/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion;
- the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 prepared by the Council (Doc. 261/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;
- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concluding the Agreement establishing a European laying-up fund for inland waterway vessels, and adopting the provisions for its implementation (Doc. 262/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport;
- 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 boats and their fittings (Doc. 263/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport, as the committee responsible, and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion;
- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision reviewing the energy research and development programme adopted by the Council Decision of 22 August 1975 (Doc. 264/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Energy and Research, as the committee responsible, and to the Committee on Budgets, for its opinion;
- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the quality requirements for waters capable of supporting freshwater fish (Doc. 265/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection;
- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the inspection by Member States of transactions forming part of the system of financing by the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (Doc. 266/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, and to the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion;
- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the storage of products bought in by an intervention agency (Doc. 267/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture, as the committee responsible, and to the Committee on Budgets, for its opinion;
- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision adopting a technological research programme for the footwear sector (Doc. 268/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Energy and Research, as the committee responsible, and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, for their opinions;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive concerning the placing of EEC-accepted plant protection products on the market (Doc. 269/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture, for their opinions;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive prohibiting the placing on the market and the use of plant protection products containing certain active substances (Doc. 270/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Decision concerning the entry into force of the Agreement on the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs and on the special equipment to be used for such carriage (ATP) (Doc. 271/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 on the creation of a European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Doc. 272/76).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education, as the committee responsible, and the Committee on Budgets, for its opinion;

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

- amending the Treaties establishing the European Communities so as to permit the adoption of common rules on the protection under criminal law of the financial interests of the Communities and

the prosecution of infringements of the provisions of those Treaties;

- amending the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities so as to permit the adoption of common rules on the liability and protection under criminal law of officials and other servants of the European Communities (Doc. 290/76).

This document had been referred to the Legal Affairs Committee;

- (b) from the Commission of the European Communities, a letter on the release of the appropriations entered under Chapter 3.20 'Controlled thermonuclear fusion and plasma physics', in the statement of expenditure relating to research and investment activities (Annex I — Section III — Commission — of the budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976) (Doc. 273/76).

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

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

- report by Mr Bangemann, on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 556/75) for a Directive coordinating the conditions for the admission of securities to official stock exchange quotation (Doc. 236/76);

- report by Mr Schmidt on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 104/76) for a Directive on the harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to customs debt (Doc. 237/76);

- report by Mr Lautenschlager, on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee, on the further consultation of the European Parliament on proposals amended or withdrawn by the Commission (Doc. 239/76);

- report by Mr Normanton on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs on the fifth report of the Commission of the European Communities on competition policy (Doc. 243/76);

- report by Mrs Walz on behalf of the Committee on Energy and Research on the

- proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 145/76) for a multiannual research programme of the Joint Research Centre (1977 to 1980) (Doc. 283/76);
- report by Mr Della Briotta on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:
 - a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 on the granting of a conversion premium in the wine sector (Doc. 250/76),
 - a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 827/68 on the common organization of the market in certain products listed in Annex II to the Treaty (Doc. 238/76),
 - a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions (Doc. 234/76),
 - a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2893/74 on sparkling wines produced in the Community and defined in item 12 of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 and Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions (Doc. 235/76)
 (Doc. 285/76)
 - report by Mr Bersani on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the present state of economic and commercial relations between the Community and Canada and the Framework Agreement for commercial and economic cooperation between Canada and the European Communities signed in Ottawa on 6 July 1976 (Doc. 213/76) — (Doc. 287/76);
 - second report by Mr Bourdellès on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 512/75) for a Regulation on the common organization of the market in potatoes (Doc. 289/76);
 - report by Mr Cointat on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the second request for the unfreezing of appropriations entered under certain chapters of the statement of expenditure relating to research and investment activities in the budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 (Doc. 273/76) — (Doc. 292/76);
 - report by Mr Cointat on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year (Doc. 261/76) — (Doc. 293/76);
- (d) a motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Patijn on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee on direct elections to the European Parliament by universal suffrage (Doc. 288/76);
- (e) the following oral questions:
- oral question with debate by the Political Affairs Committee of the European Parliament to the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the European Communities on *détente* in Europe (Doc. 274/76);
 - oral question with debate by Miss Flesch, Mr Van der Hek, Mr Kaspereit, Lord Reay and Mr Springorum to the Commission on the north/south dialogue (Doc. 275/76);
 - oral questions with debate by Mr Cointat on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Council and Commission on the state of agriculture and the development of farmers' incomes (Doc. 276/76);
 - oral question with debate by Lady Fisher of Rednal, Mr Hughes, Mr Hansen, Mr Broeks and Mr Flämig to the Commission on the common agricultural policy and the Third World (Doc. 277/76);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Berkhouwer on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group to the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the European Communities on the appointment of the new Commission (Doc. 278/76);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Scott-Hopkins on behalf of the European Conservative Group to the Commission on milk production (Doc. 279/76);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Bertrand and Mr Martens on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group to the Commission on the consequences of the drought (Doc. 280/76);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Fellermaier, Mr Corona, Mr Bermanni, Mr Della Briotta,

Mr Concas and Mr Ariosto on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission on dioxin pollution in Seveso (Doc. 281/76);

— oral question with debate by Mr Durieux, Mr Houdet, Mr Bourdellès, Mr Kofoed and Mr Jozeau-Marigné on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group to the Commission on economic repercussions of the drought on the agricultural economy and Community food supplies (Doc. 282/76);

— oral questions with debate by Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Normanton, Mr Fletcher, Mr Cousté, Mr Nyborg, Mr Nolan, Mr Osborn, Mr Dalyell, Mr Cointat, Mr Herbert, Mr Dondelinger, Mr Hughes, Mr Kavanagh, Mr Evans, Mr Prescott, Mr. Hamilton, Lord Bethell, Mr Spicer, Lord Bessborough, Mrs Ewing, Mr Lenihan, Mr Bordu, Mrs Goutmann, Mr Marras, Mr Fabrini, and Mr Shaw, pursuant to Rule 47A of the Rules of Procedure, for Question Time on 15 September 1976 (Doc. 284/76);

— oral question with debate by Mr Fellermaier, Mr Broeksz, Mr Corona, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mr Espersen, Mr Giraud, Mr Glinne and Mr Hansen on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission on consequences of the drought and protection of the consumer (Doc. 286/76);

(f) from the Council of the European Communities, a letter concerning a draft Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (Doc. 245/76);

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets.

Authorization of reports

The President announced that, pursuant to Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure, he had authorized various committees to draw up reports on the following subjects:

— Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education: a report on the first European social budget (1970 to 1975);

— Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport:

a report on the First Report on the activities of the European Regional Development Fund in 1975;

the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Budgets had been asked for their opinions;

— Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection:

a report on the effects of the use of asbestos on public health and the environment;

— Committee on External Economic Relations:

a report on the official visit of the President of the European Parliament to Greece from 24 to 28 June 1976;

the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Agriculture had been asked for their opinions;

— Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions:

a report on the general question of sub-committees.

Texts of Treaties forwarded by the Council

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

— Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of Japan on trade in textiles;

— Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters relating to Article 20 of the Cooperation Agreement and Article 13 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco and concerning the import into the Community of fruit salads originating in Morocco;

— Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters relating to Article 23 of the Cooperation Agreement and Article 16 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco and concerning the import into the Community of bran and sharps originating in Morocco;

— Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters relating to Article 19 of the Cooperation Agreement and Article 12 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia and concerning the import into the Community of fruit salads originating in Tunisia;

— Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters relating to Article 22 of the Cooperation Agreement and Article 15 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia and concerning the import into the Community of bran and sharps originating in Tunisia;

- notice of the completion by the Community of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Commercial Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
- minutes of the notification of the completion of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Commercial Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
- Framework Agreement for commercial and economic cooperation between the European Communities and Canada; Protocol concerning commercial and economic cooperation between the European Coal and Steel Community and Canada, together with Final Act;
- Agreement on cane sugar in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India;
- Agreement on cane sugar in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and Barbados;
- notice of the completion by the Community of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of Japan on trade in textiles and of the exchange of letters relating thereto;
- Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East;
- Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending the convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) signed on 18 December 1972.

Petitions

The President announced that he had received a petition from the Mondiaal Alternatief Foundation on the protection of migratory birds.

This petition had been entered under No 10/76 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.

The President also announced that, at the request of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, Petition No 13/75 from Mr Kurt Struppek and others on the protection of the fundamental rights of Turks living in the Federal Republic of Germany, Petition No 1/76 from Mr John Campbell on a uniform procedure in all Member States for the direct election of the European Parliament by universal suffrage and Petition No 3/76 by Mr Volker Heydt on European Parliament initiatives to promote direct elections, had been referred to the Political Affairs Committee for an opinion, and that Petition No 5/76 from Mr Giuseppe Gioia on the registration of motor vehicles by foreigners in the Federal Republic of Germany had been referred to the Legal Affairs Committee for an opinion.

The President then announced that the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions had informed him that, pursuant to Rule 48 (3) of the Rules of Procedure, it had examined Petition No 15/75 from Mr Stanislas Gawel on the reparation of injustices under the national socialist regime and had concluded that this petition did not fall within the sphere of activities of the Communities. The petition had consequently been filed without further action.

Forwarding of the 1977 draft budget

The President announced that he had received the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1977, established by the Council (Doc. 291/76).

Pursuant to Rule 23 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, this document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets.

Limitation of speaking time

On a proposal from its 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.

Organization of the debate on direct elections to the European Parliament by universal suffrage

The President announced that, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure, speaking time would be allocated as follows for the debate on direct elections to the European Parliament by universal suffrage to be held during the sitting of Wednesday, 15 September 1976;

- rapporteur: 20 minutes,
- Socialist Group: 40 minutes,
- Christian-Democratic Group: 35 minutes,
- Liberal and Allies Group: 20 minutes,
- Group of European Progressive Democrats: 15 minutes,
- European Conservative Group: 15 minutes,
- Communist and Allies Group: 15 minutes,
- non-attached members: 10 minutes.

Organization of the debate on the draft general budget of the Communities for 1977

The President announced that, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure, speaking time would be allocated as follows for the debate scheduled to be held after the presentation of the draft general budget of the Communities for 1977 on Wednesday, 15 September 1976:

- 20 minutes for the general rapporteur,
- 10 minutes for each political group.

Order of business

On a proposal from the President, and after the following had spoken: Mr Durieux, Mr Alfred Bertrand, Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission*, Mr Houdet, *Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture*, Mr Springorum, *Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Research*, Mr Guldberg, Mr Springorum, Mr Guldberg and Mr Lange, *Chairman of the Committee on Budgets*, Parliament decided to place the following reports on the agenda, to be dealt with by urgent procedure:

- Cointat report on the second request for the release of appropriations for research activities;
- Shaw interim report on an amendment to the Financial Regulation.

Parliament then adopted the following agenda for the present part-session:

Tuesday, 14 September 1976

3 p.m.:

- Commission statement on action on the opinions of Parliament;
- Walz report on the multiannual research programme of the JRC;
- Bersani report on relations between Canada and the Community;
- Meintz report the social situation in the Community in 1975;
- Cointat report on the release of appropriations for research activities.

Wednesday, 15 September 1976

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

- Question Time;
- joint debate on the Council statement and the Patijn motion for a resolution on the election of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage;
- Council statement on the outcome of the European Council of July 1976;
- presentation of and first debate on the draft budget of the Communities for 1977;
- introduction of and debate on the Cointat report on draft supplementary budget No 2 for 1976;
- Shaw interim report on an amendment to the Financial Regulation;
- oral question with debate to the Conference of Foreign Ministers on the appointment of the new Commission;
- oral question with debate to the Conference of Foreign Ministers on *détente* in Europe;
- joint debate on:
 - the oral questions to the Council and Commission on the state of agriculture, and
 - three oral questions to the Commission on the drought.

Thursday, 16 September 1976

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

- vote on the motion for a resolution contained in the Cointat report on draft supplementary budget No 2 for 1976;
- oral question with debate to the Commission on milk production;
- second Bourdellès report on the market in potatoes;
- oral question with debate to the Commission on the common agricultural policy and the Third World;
- oral question with debate to the Commission on the north/south dialogue;
- Normanton report on competition policy.

The Guldberg report on energy prices had been postponed to a subsequent part-session.

- joint debate on two oral questions to the Commission on pollution (one of these two questions which had been tabled outside the set time limit had been placed on the agenda with the Commission's agreement).

Friday, 17 September 1976

9.30 a.m. to 12 noon:

- Bangemann report on the admission of securities to stock exchange quotation;
- Schmidt report on customs debt;
- Herbert report on harmonization of the laws relating to vehicle driving licences;
- Bethell report on the dumping of wastes at sea;
- Della Briotta report on the wine sector (without debate).

Time limit for tabling amendments to draft supplementary budget No 2 for 1976

The President announced that he had set the time limit for tabling draft amendments and proposed

modifications to the draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 for the financial year 1976 at 6 p.m. on 15 September 1976.

Fixing of the time limit for the committees concerned to submit their opinions on the 1977 draft budget and the time limit for tabling proposed modifications

The President announced that he had set the time limit for tabling draft amendments, proposed modifications, proposals for the rejection of the budget as a whole, proposed modifications to the maximum rate of increase in expenditure and the time limit for the committees concerned to communicate their opinions to the Committee on Budgets as 6 October 1976.

Election of a Vice-President

The President announced that he had received from the European Conservative Group the nomination of Mr Scott-Hopkins as candidate for the seat of Vice-President of the European Parliament which had become vacant following the resignation of Lord Bessborough.

As there was only a single candidate for this seat, Parliament elected Mr Scott-Hopkins Vice-President by acclamation pursuant to Rule 7 (1) of the Rules of Procedure.

The President declared Mr Scott-Hopkins Vice-President of the European Parliament and congratulated him on his election.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Tuesday, 14 September 1976:

3 p.m.:

- Commission statement on action taken on the opinions of Parliament;
- Walz report on the multiannual research programme of the JRC;
- Bersani report on relations between Canada and the Community in 1975;

- Meintz report on the social situation in the Community in 1975;
- Cointat report on the release of appropriations for research activities.

The President informed Parliament that the joint meeting of the members of the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, which had been scheduled to start at 9.30 a.m. the following morning, would only be starting at 10 a.m.

The sitting was closed at 7.40 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Georges SPÉNALE
President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 1976

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. SPÉNALE
President

The sitting was opened at 3.05 p.m.

Approval of minutes

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

Transfers of appropriations within the 1976 budget

The President announced that he had informed the Council and Commission of the European Communities that the Committee on Budgets had delivered a favourable opinion on the proposal for the transfer of appropriations between chapters in Section II — Council — Annex III, ECSC Auditor, of the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 (Doc. 110/76) and, despite several reservations, on the proposal for the transfer of appropriations between chapters in Section III — Commission — of the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 (Doc. 57/76).

Action taken by the Commission on the opinions of Parliament

Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission*, informed Parliament of the action taken by the Commission on various opinions delivered by Parliament in recent sittings.

Welcome to Mr George Thomas

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed Mr George Thomas, *Speaker of the House of Commons*, who had taken his seat in the official gallery.

Multiannual research programme of the JRC (1977 to 1980)

Mr Noè spoke on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group.

Mrs Walz introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Energy and Research, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 145/76) for a multiannual research programme of the Joint Research Centre (1977 to 1980) (Doc. 283/76).

The following spoke: Mr Dalyell, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets and the Socialist Group, Mr Liogier, on behalf of the Group of European

Progressive Democrats, Mr Osborn on behalf of the European Conservative Group, and Mr Leonardi on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr L. MARTENS

Vice-President

The following spoke in the continuing debate: Mr Ellis, Mr Normanton, Mr Brunner, *Member of the Commission*, and Mrs Walz, *Rapporteur*.

On the proposal for a decision, Mr Dalyell, Mr Lange, Mr Shaw and Lord Bruce had tabled Amendment No 1 proposing the deletion of Article 2. Mr Dalyell now moved this amendment.

Mr Cointat and Mr Springorum spoke.

Amendment No 1 was adopted.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a multiannual research programme of the Joint Research Centre (1977 to 1980)

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 (doc. 145/76),
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on Community research in the context of the JRC and in particular the resolution on the conditions for a fresh start in Community research at the JRC ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy and Research and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 283/76),
1. Notes that the proposals for the future multiannual research programme form part of an overall concept for a multiannual Community research and development policy as recently drawn up by the Commission;
 2. Believes that the research activities proposed by the Commission correspond to the guidelines on the role of the JRC recently drawn up by Parliament ⁽²⁾;
 3. Welcomes the fact that the research activities were selected according to the criterion of being in the interest of the Community and therefore correspond to clearly defined objectives;
 4. Approves the fact that the direct research programme concentrates on a limited number of research topics, a policy Parliament had often recommended in the past;
 5. Expresses its agreement with the priority accorded by the Commission to research projects in the energy field;
 6. Points out that the direct research projects in the new energy sectors (especially solar energy) and the environment sector must play a support role with regard to indirect action in these sectors;
 7. Takes note of the Commission's statement that the JRC possesses competent and qualified staff for the implementation of these two kinds of action;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 147, 29. 6. 1976, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 125, 8. 6. 1976, pp. 16 to 18.

8. Calls on the Council, in accordance with its responsibilities, to obtain in future full information on the Joint Research Centre — particularly on the scientific and technical qualifications of the staff ⁽¹⁾ — and to take note of the information provided by the Commission;
9. Expects the Council, in its decision on nuclear fusion, not to confine itself to indirect action but also to approve the JRC projects proposed in this field and to state its position in regard to the location of JET;
10. Points out that the proposed amendments of the Staff Regulations of the Communities in respect of the future regime for JRC staff will probably constitute only an initial step towards achieving a maximum degree of mobility of research staff;
11. Emphasizes again that the lack of a common industrial policy hampers the realization and full implementation of a common research and development policy;
12. Calls on the Commission to strengthen, especially in the key research sectors, the policy of cooperation with third countries working on similar projects, and on the Council to simplify the necessary decision-making procedures;
13. Believes that the structure of the budget for the future programme shows a more even balance between administrative and investment appropriations on the one hand and appropriations for staff expenditure on the other, and consequently represents a marked improvement; therefore considers it essential that this structure should be safeguarded by providing for the annual adjustment of the total volume of the budget to meet changes in costs and incomes;
14. Requests the Commission to submit a precise and readily comprehensible report to Parliament, on completion of the programme, on the progress achieved in implementing the research projects and an evaluation of their cost effectiveness;
15. Hopes that the machinery recommended by the Commission for the implementation and reorientation of the programme will be supplemented by checks, and possibly also by expert opinions, as to the completion of the individual sections of the programme;
16. Stresses that direct Community research should not only have a pilot function resulting from the coordination of the research policy of the Community but must also, through its implementation, contribute to forging closer links with and among national research projects;
17. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendment in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 139, 21. 6. 1976, p. 14.

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

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Council Decision adopting a research programme to be performed by the Joint Research Centre for the European Atomic Energy Community and for the European Economic Community

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

u n c h a n g e d

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ For complete text, see OJ No C 147, 29. 6. 1976, p. 3.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, in particular Article 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission, submitted after consultation with the Scientific and Technical Committee for the nuclear actions,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas in the context of the common policy in science and technology the multiannual research and training programme is one of the principal means whereby the European Atomic Energy Community can contribute to the rapid and safe growth of nuclear industries and also to the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge in the nuclear field;

Whereas Article 2 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community assigns to the Community *inter alia* the task of promoting throughout the Community a harmonious development of economic activities, a continuous and balanced expansion and an increase in stability; whereas the objectives of the Community's activities for these purposes are set out in Article 3 of the same Treaty;

Whereas the non-nuclear research projects which form part of the subject of this Decision appear necessary in order to achieve these objectives;

Whereas the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community made no provision for the powers required for these purposes;

Whereas the programme was drawn up in accordance with the Council resolution of 17 December 1970 on the detailed rules for the adoption of research and education programmes ⁽¹⁾;

Whereas the Italian Government has undertaken to take over the ESSOR complex made available to it by the Commission in accordance with Article 6 (c) of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

A research programme, indicated in Annexes I and II, is hereby adopted for a period of four years from

u n c h a n g e d

Having regard to the illustrative breakdown of funds and staff in Annex II to this Decision,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

u n c h a n g e d

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 16, 20. 1. 1971, p. 13.

 TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
 OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

 TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1 January 1977. The Annexes form an integral part of this Decision.

Article 2

The commitment for expenditure, necessary for carrying out this programme, shall be 374·390 million units of account with a value as at 1 January 1977, on the basis of a technical evaluation of costs under the economic conditions effective at that date.

The maximum number of staff shall be 1705 officials.

The allocation of funds and staff is given in Annex II.

Article 2

deleted

Articles 3, 4 and 5 unchanged

Annexes I and II unchanged

Welcome to two delegations

On behalf of Parliament the President welcomed a delegation from the Parliament of the Dutch Antilles and a delegation from the Canadian Parliament who had taken their seats in the official gallery.

Relations between the Community and Canada

Mr Bersani introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the present state of economic and commercial relations between the Community and Canada and the Framework Agreement for

commercial and economic cooperation between Canada and the European Communities (Doc. 213/76) — (Doc. 287/76).

The following spoke: Lord Reay, *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Political Affairs Committee*, Mr Schmidt on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Klepsch on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Nyborg on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Mitchell, *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Committee on Energy and Research*, Mr Dalyell, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Osborn and Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission*.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the present state of economic and commercial relations between the Community and Canada and embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the Framework Agreement for commercial and economic cooperation between Canada and the European Communities

The European Parliament,

— aware of the political, economic, historical and cultural ties between Canada and the countries of the European Communities,

-
- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽⁴⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 213/76),
 - having regard to the Framework Agreement signed on 6 July 1976 between Canada and the European Communities,
 - believing that there is great scope for economic cooperation, reciprocal investment and exchange of technology as also for expansion of trade between the two partners,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinions of the Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Energy and Research (Doc. 287/76),
1. Recalls that Canada's position as the Communities' second most important trading partner, her high level of industrialisation and her wealth in raw materials, together with her need for know-how and investment, all make her a natural economic partner for the Communities;
 2. Considers that these favourable conditions are reinforced by the cultural and historical links which exist between Europe and Canada;
 3. Welcomes, therefore, the signing of the Framework Agreement for commercial and economic cooperation between Canada and the European Communities;
 4. Stresses that this is the first bilateral non-preferential agreement to be concluded between the Communities and an industrialized country;
 5. Stresses that Article III (4) provides that the Agreement shall in no way affect the powers of the Member States of the Communities to engage in bilateral activities with Canada in the field of economic cooperation or to conclude new economic agreements with Canada, and urges that this article should not be interpreted in such a way as to restrict the activities of the Communities;
 6. Regrets that it has not proved possible to overcome the difficulties encountered with respect to the principle of equal access to natural resources;
 7. Hopes that existing cooperation between Canada and certain Member States in the field of heavy water reactors will be intensified;
 8. Hopes that the Canadian Foreign Investment Review Act will not be an obstacle to investments by the Communities;
 9. Calls for the swift and continuing implementation of the agreement, particularly by such practical means as the exchange of contacts which has recently taken place between the forestry, non-ferrous metal and natural uranium industries of both parties;
 10. Would welcome, in view of the success of existing contacts between the Canadian and European Parliaments, and of the importance of the present Agreement, the setting up of joint institutions between the two parliaments;
 11. Suggests that subcommittees begin as soon as possible to tackle the problems of energy and research policy;
 12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission and to the Government and Parliament of Canada.

(4) OJ No C 161, 14. 7. 1976, p. 2.

Development of the social situation in the Community in 1975

Mr Meintz introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education, on the report of the Commission of the European Communities on the development of the social situation in the Community in 1975 (Doc. 44/76) — (Doc. 164/76).

The following spoke: Mr Van Der Gun, *Chairman of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education*, Mr Albers, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Vandewiele, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group and Mr Laudrin on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. BERSANI

Vice-President

Mrs Kellett-Bowman spoke in the continuing debate.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr L. MARTENS

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Albertsen, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Rosati, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Pisoni, Mr Boersma, *President-in-Office of the Council*, and Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission*.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the report of the Commission of the European Communities on the development of the social situation in the Community in 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the Commission of the European Communities on the development of the social situation in the Community in 1975 (Doc. 44/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (doc. 164/76),

1. Thanks the Commission for submitting such an exhaustive and detailed document;
2. Regrets that in view of the steady deterioration in the economic situation in 1975 the European Council was unable to decide on joint action, although in each of its meetings since the end of 1972 — particularly that in December 1974 — it recognized that 'above all, vigorous and coordinated action must be taken to deal with the problem of employment', while reserving its decision as to whether and to what extent it would be necessary to increase the resources of the Social Fund ⁽¹⁾;
3. Realizes how little a report on a period now ended, in this case the year 1975, can say about the current situation, and therefore refers to the continuing preparatory discussions for the tripartite conference on 24 June 1976 ⁽²⁾;
4. Notes with astonishment that despite steadily increasing unemployment throughout 1975 (an average increase of 50 % compared with the same period in the previous year), a fall in the number of vacancies (approximately 5.5 million unemployed to 500 000 vacancies) and persistent inflation ranging from less than 10 % up to 26 %, the proposals and demands already made have not been firmly acted upon;
5. Urges immediate implementation of the proposal on extensive coordination of employment policy in Community Member States submitted to the Council in April 1975;

⁽¹⁾ Marras report on the development of the social situation in 1974 (OJ No C 239, 20. 10. 1975, p. 29).

⁽²⁾ Glinne report on employment and stability (Doc. 160/76).

6. Supports the Commission in its efforts to coordinate exchange of information on unemployment problems, prospects and priorities in each country and advocates joint research into the employment problems of particular groups of workers with special emphasis on opportunities offered by existing national employment policy instruments;
 7. Notes that, apart from the disturbing overall situation, consideration of methods of overcoming the crisis in the short or medium term is made all the more difficult by the fact that the crisis is a structural rather than cyclical one, all the more serious because of its unequal effects on different sectors and social groups;
 8. Stresses that in addition to older workers the social groups most seriously affected are young persons, women and migrant workers and that youth unemployment in particular will give rise to long-term social problems, bearing in mind that in some countries of the Community half the unemployed persons are under 25 and are seeking their first job after leaving school;
 9. Therefore urges the Commission and the Council too take immediate steps to provide Social Fund aid for the training and employment of unemployed youth to adjust the resources of the fund accordingly and to investigate possibilities for voluntary early retirement, if necessary on an experimental basis;
 10. Considers it particularly important that cooperation between national employment authorities be improved with a view to clarifying the situation on the labour market through SEDOC, the European system for circularizing vacancies and jobs wanted under international clearance;
 11. Hopes for a concerted policy in the field of general education and vocational training and at the same time an improvement in the quality of vocational guidance, to afford a clearer picture of opportunities on the labour market, and lays particular emphasis on the need for employment authorities to cooperate on cross-frontier movement;
 12. Insists that the Commission and the Council should take steps to put an end to discrimination against women at work through an explicitly formulated policy of equal treatment for men and women, taking into account the relevant judgments of the European Court of Justice;
 13. Points out that in view of the structural divergences on the national labour markets, the employment of migrant workers on the present scale will continue to be necessary, and urges the Commission and the Council to put a stop to the distinctions and the occasional discrimination found in national regulations regarding migrant workers, and to afford migrant workers the humanly and economically adequate treatment that is their due;
 14. Urges the Council and the Commission to ensure that in the event of any amendments to national regulations on family allowances, the purchasing power of lower income groups is not affected;
 15. Fears that the discussions already held in 1974 and 1975 cannot be continued indefinitely in the same way without overtaxing the patience of the people of Europe, given the paucity of tangible political results so far achieved;
 16. Therefore makes a most urgent appeal to the Council and Commission to pay heed to the generally held view that solutions to the problems of growing structural, regional and sectoral friction can only have relevance at Community level, and to refrain from further repetitive declarations of intent.
 17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission.
-

Unfreezing of appropriations for research activities

Mr Cointat introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the second request for the unfreezing of appropriations entered under certain chapters of the statement of expenditure relating to research and investment activities of the budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 (Doc. 273/76) — (Doc. 292/76).

The following spoke: Lord Bessborough on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Dalyell and Mr Brunner, *Member of the Commission*.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the second request for the unfreezing of appropriations entered under certain chapters of the statement of expenditure relating to research and investment activities of the budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Amendment No 11 adopted by the European Parliament when considering the draft budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the budget of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year and, in particular, Chapter 33 of Section III, Commission ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 18 June 1976 concerning a first request for the unfreezing of appropriations ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Commission's request for the unfreezing of appropriations (Doc. 273/76),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 292/76),

1. Notes with regret that the Council's delay in taking the programme decisions for the JET project and, more generally, in implementing the multiannual research and investment programmes, necessarily results in the piecemeal utilization of the appropriations earmarked for research and thus hampers the continuity of activities in this field;
2. Feels that the Council's policy is in conflict with the need for budgetary clarity and transparency;
3. Requests the Council to take an overall decision permitting the normal utilization of the appropriations for which provision is made in the budget for 1976;
4. Authorizes the unfreezing of four million units of account in commitment appropriations and 1.8 million units of account in payment appropriations ⁽⁴⁾ for the financing of Community research programmes and regards the unfreezing of these appropriations above all as concrete proof of the Community's intention to go ahead with the JET project;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 7, 12. 1. 1976, p. 55.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 66, 15. 3. 1976, p. 306.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 159, 12. 7. 1976, p. 37.

⁽⁴⁾ See table annexed to the explanatory statement.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Wednesday, 15 September 1976:

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

- Question Time;
- joint debate on the Council statement and the Patijn motion for a resolution on the election of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage;
- Council statement on the outcome of the European Council of July 1976;
- presentation of and first debate on the draft budget of the Communities for 1977;
- introduction of and debate on the Cointat report on draft supplementary budget No 2 for 1976;
- Shaw interim report on the amendment of the Financial Regulation;
- oral question with debate to the Conference of Foreign Ministers on the appointment of the new Commission;
- oral question with debate to the Conference of Foreign Ministers on *détente* in Europe;
- joint debate on:
 - the oral questions with debate to the Council and Commission on the state of agriculture, and
 - three oral questions with debate to the Commission on the drought.

The sitting was closed at 8.50 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Georges SPÉNALE
President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY,
15 SEPTEMBER 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 the following documents:

- an oral question with debate by Mr Alfred Bertrand, Mr Bersani, Mr Noè, Mr Ligios, Mr Girardin and Mr Vernaschi, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, to the Commission on poisonous clouds and their consequences (Doc. 294/76);

- a motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Prescott, Mr Schmidt, Mr Laban, Mr Espersen and Mr Concas on behalf of the Socialist Group on the extension of Community Member States' fishing zones to 200 miles by 1 January 1977 (Doc. 295/76);

This document had been referred to the Legal Affairs Committee as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for their opinions;

- an interim report from Mr Shaw, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on a draft Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (Doc. 245/76) — (Doc. 296/76).

Question Time

Parliament now considered the following questions put to the Council or Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 284/76):

Questions to the Council of the European Communities**Question No 1 by Mr Berkhouwer: Possible withholding of financial aid from a Member State**

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Berkhouwer and Mr Broeksz.

Question No 2 by Mr Normanton: Severing of relations with Uganda

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

Question No 3 by Mr Fletcher: Council's Rules of Procedure

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

Questions to the Commission of the European Communities**Question No 4 by Mr Cousté: Situation in the data-processing sector**

Mr Guazzaroni, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Cousté, Mr Dalyell, Mr Fletcher, Mr Fellermaier, and Mr Albers.

Question No 5 by Mr Nyborg: Effects of energy extraction on fishing

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Nyborg, Mrs Ewing, Mr Noè, Mr Normanton, Mr Dalyell and Mr Osborn.

Question No 6 by Mr Nolan on maize-based sugar substitute would be answered in writing since the author was absent and had not named a substitute before the beginning of Question Time.

Question No 7 by Mr Osborn: International sugar negotiations

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Osborn, Mr Evans, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Nyborg.

Question No 8 by Mr Dalyell: Scots law and the Scots legal system

Mr Ortoli, *President of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Dalyell and Mr Fletcher.

Mrs Ewing spoke.

Question No 9 by Mr Cointat: Aid for marine aquiculture

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Cointat, Mr Osborn, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Bersani and Mr Cifarelli.

Question No 10 by Mr Herbert on an Irish cross-border study had been postponed to the October part-session at the author's request.

Question No 11 by Mr Dondelinger: Information on the European Regional Fund

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

Question No 12 by Mr Hughes: Recruiting of new staff

Mr Ortoli, *President of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Hughes, Mr Lagorce and Mr Noè.

Question No 13 by Mr Kavanagh: Community programme of pilot schemes and studies to combat poverty

Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Albers, deputizing for the author, Mr Cifarelli, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams and Mr Laban.

Question No 14 by Mr Evans: Concentration of wealth in prosperous regions of the Community

Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Evans, Mrs Kellett-Bowman and Mr Fletcher.

Question No 15 by Mr Prescott: Conviction of Mr Stanley Adams

Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered this question and a supplementary question put by Mr Prescott.

Mr Cousté spoke.

Sir Christopher Soames then answered a further supplementary question put by Mr Fellermaier.

Question No 16 by Mr Hamilton: Tax on vegetable oil

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Hamilton, Mrs Dunwoody, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Frehsee.

Question No 17 by Lord Bethell: Smoking and its effects on health

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

The following spoke on a question of procedure: Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mr Spicer and Lord Bessborough.

Speaking on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Fellermaier requested a debate on the Commission's answer to Question No 16. This debate would be held directly after Question Time.

The President declared Question Time closed.

He reminded members that questions which it had not been possible to consider would be answered in writing unless their authors wished to receive an oral answer at the next Question Time.

Welcome to two new Commission members

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed Mr Guazzaroni and Mr Vouel, new members of the Commission.

Mr Guazzaroni and Mr Vouel thanked the President for his kind words.

Debate on request: Tax on vegetable oil

In accordance with the request made by Mr Fellermaier on behalf of the Socialist Group, Parliament now held a debate on the Commission's answer to Question No 16 by Mr Hamilton on the tax on vegetable oil.

The following spoke: Mr Laban, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Alfred Bertrand, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Scott-Hopkins, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Houdet, *Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture*, Mr Frehsee, Mr Hamilton, Lord Reay, Mr Fellermaier, Mr De Koning, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, Mr Frehsee, Mr Laban, Mr Lardinois, Mr Carpentier and Mr Lardinois.

The President declared the debate closed.

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

Tribute to Mr Dehousse

On behalf of Parliament, the President paid tribute to Mr Fernand Dehousse, a great European and former member and Vice-President of the European Parliament, who had died on 11 August 1976.

In their turn, Mr Ortoli, *President of the Commission*, and Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, also paid tribute to the memory of the late Mr Dehousse.

Election of Parliament by direct universal suffrage

The next item on the agenda was the joint debate on a statement by the President-in-Office of the Council on the direct election of Parliament by universal suffrage, and on a motion for a resolution on the same subject.

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, made a statement on the election of members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage following the outcome of the European Council of 12 and 13 July 1976 and of the Council of the European Communities of 27 and 28 July 1976.

Mr Patijn introduced the motion for a resolution which he had tabled on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee on direct elections to the European Parliament by universal suffrage (Doc. 288/76).

The following spoke: Mr Stewart, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Alfred Bertrand, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Durieux, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Sir Peter Kirk, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Boano, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group and Mr Hamilton.

Mr Spicer and Mr Hamilton spoke on a question of procedure.

The following spoke in the continuing debate: Mr de la Malène, on behalf of the European Progressive Democrats, Mrs Dunwoody, Mrs Ewing, Mr Bordu, Mr Sandri, Mr De Sanctis, Mr Espersen and Lord Gordon Walker.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr J. SANTER

Vice-President

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

The President declared the joint debate closed.

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

On paragraph 2, Mr de la Malène had tabled, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Amendment No 3, which he now moved.

The following spoke: Mr Radoux, Mr de la Malène, Mr Patijn, Mr de la Malène, Mr Patijn, Mr Alfred Bertrand, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Espersen, Mr Radoux, and Mr Stewart, on behalf of the Socialist Group.

Amendment No 3 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 2.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 3 and 4.

Two amendments had been tabled proposing the insertion of a new paragraph after paragraph 4, namely:

- Amendment No 1 by Mr Bersani, Mr Pisoni and Mr Girardin, and
- Amendment No 2 by Lord Gladwyn.

Mr Bersani withdrew Amendment No 1.

Lord Gladwyn moved Amendment No 2.

The following spoke: Mr Brugger, Mr Waltmans, Mr Cifarelli, Lord Bethell, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Patijn, Sir Peter Kirk, Mr Bangemann, Mr Boano, Mr Durieux, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Alfred Bertrand and Lord Gladwyn.

Amendment No 2 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 5.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on direct elections to the European Parliament by universal suffrage

The European Parliament

- having regard to its resolutions of 14 January 1975 (Doc. 368/74) ⁽¹⁾, 11 March 1976 (Doc. 11/76) ⁽²⁾, 7 April 1976 (Doc. 45/76) ⁽³⁾ and 16 June 1976 (Doc. 174/76) ⁽⁴⁾,
 - having regard to the undertaking given by the European Council on 12 and 13 July 1976 that the act concerning the election of the European Parliament would be signed by the end of July,
 - deploring the decision by the Council of the Communities on 27 July to postpone the signing until its meeting of 20 September 1976,
 - considering that any further delay in the approval of the act by the Council would jeopardize the implementation of the European Council's decision that the elections should take place on the date fixed by it,
 - convinced of the need to broaden as soon as possible the democratic basis of the Community by election of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage,
1. Calls upon the Council of the Communities to finally sign the act at its meeting of 20 September 1976;
 2. Insists that the European Council's decision of 2 December 1975 in Rome that the election will take place in May/June 1978 should be respected;
 3. Notes the total number of seats and their distribution between the Member States decided by the European Council on 12 July 1976 and declares its agreement thereto;
 4. Calls upon the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States to put the ratification procedures in hand as soon as possible after the signing of the legal act and to adopt the necessary implementing measures so that the election can take place on the agreed date;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 32, 11. 2. 1975, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 79, 5. 4. 1976, p. 27.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 100, 3. 5. 1976, p. 24.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 159, 12. 7. 1976, p. 23.

Order of business

Mr Aigner proposed that Mr Shaw's interim report on the Financial Regulation (Doc. 296/76) should be referred back to committee.

The following spoke: Sir Peter Kirk, Mr Shaw, Mr Aigner, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Aigner, who withdrew his proposal, Mr Notenboom and Mr Fellermaier.

On a proposal from the President, Parliament then decided to postpone the oral questions with debate on the drought (Doc. 276/76, Doc. 280/76, Doc.

286/76 and Doc. 282/76) to the next sitting on Thursday, 16 September 1976, when they would be taken as the second item on the agenda.

On a proposal from the institution concerned and with the agreement of the author it was decided that Mr Cointat's oral question to the Council on the state of agriculture (Doc. 276/76) should be answered in writing.

The following spoke: Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Cointat and Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*.

Statement by the President on the Friuli area

The President informed Parliament that the Friuli disaster area had just been struck by another earthquake.

Statement by the President of the Council on the results of the European Council of 12 and 13 July 1976

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, made a statement on the other results of the European Council of 12 and 13 July 1976.

The following spoke: Mr Alfred Bertrand, Mr Dalyell, Mr Ortoli, *President of the Commission*, Mr Brinkhorst, Mr Dalyell, Mr Radoux and Mr Brinkhorst.

Presentation of and first debate on the draft general budget of the Communities for 1977

Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, presented the draft general budget of the Communities for the financial year 1977 (Doc. 291/76).

IN THE CHAIR: Mr L. MARTENS

Vice-President

Procedural motion

Lord Castle proposed that the debate should be adjourned.

The following spoke on this proposal: Sir Peter Kirk, Lord Bruce and Lord Castle.

Parliament rejected Lord Castle's proposal.

Presentation of and first debate on the draft general budget of the Communities for 1977 (continued)

The following spoke: Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*, Lord Bruce, *General Rapporteur on the 1977 Budget*, Mr Carpentier, Mr Notenboom, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Cointat, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, and Mr Cheysson.

The President declared the debate closed.

Order of business

The following spoke on the order of business: Mr Spicer, Mr Cointat and Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*.

The President announced that, on a proposal from the authors and with the agreement of the institutions concerned:

- the oral question with debate by Mr Berkhouwer to the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the European Communities on the appointment of the new Commission (Doc. 278/76) would be answered in writing;
- the oral question with debate by the Political Affairs Committee to the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the European Communities on *détente* in Europe (Doc. 274/76) had been postponed to the next part-session.

Supplementary budget No 2 for 1976 (presentation and debate)

The following spoke: Mr Brinkhorst, *President-in-Office of the Council*, and Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*.

Mr Cointat introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 of the European Communities for the 1976 financial year (Doc. 261/76) — (Doc. 293/76).

Lord Bruce and Mr Notenboom spoke.

The President reminded Parliament that the vote on the motion for a resolution contained in the report by Mr Cointat would be held during the next day's sitting.

Financial Regulation applicable to the budget of the Communities

Mr Shaw introduced his interim report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the draft Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (Doc. 245/76) — (Doc. 296/76).

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

Mr Notenboom asked for the debate to be adjourned until October.

Lord Bruce and Mr Cointat spoke on Mr Notenboom's request.

Parliament rejected this request.

The following spoke in the continuing debate: Mr Clerfayt and Mr Shaw, *Rapporteur*.

On the draft Regulation, Mr Cointat had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats Amendment No 1 proposing the deletion of Article 2, which he now moved.

Mr Notenboom and the rapporteur spoke.

Amendment No 1 was rejected.

Parliament then adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the draft Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the letter from the Council of the European Communities concerning the draft Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 (Doc. 245/76),
 - having regard to the meeting between a delegation from the European Parliament and the Council on 22 July 1976,
 - aware of the difficulties posed by the opening of the budgetary procedure for 1977 before full agreement could be reached on the Commission's proposals concerning a general review of the Financial Regulation,
 - having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 296/76),
1. Approves the Council's suggestions for an Interim Regulation providing a legal basis for commitment appropriations;
 2. Recalls its firm intention to proceed, as soon as possible and before adoption of the 1977 budget, with the general review of the Financial Regulation, in the light of the strengthening of the European Parliament's budgetary powers as a result of the signing of the Treaty of 22 July 1975;
 3. Considers it vital, therefore, that the dialogue between the institutions should proceed immediately on the other points arising from the Commission's proposals;
 4. Underlines once again the interim nature of this draft Regulation which is to apply to the 1977 budget only.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Thursday, 16 September 1976:

11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- vote on a motion for a resolution contained in the Cointat report on draft supplementary budget No 2 for 1976;

— joint debate on:

- the oral questions to the Council and Commission on the state of agriculture, and
- three oral questions to the Commission on the drought;
- oral question with debate to the Commission on milk production
- second Bourdellès report on the common organization on the market in potatoes;

-
- oral question with debate to the Commission on the common agricultural policy and the Third World;
 - Normanton report on competition policy;
 - oral question with debate to the Commission on the north/south dialogue;
 - joint debate on two oral questions to the Commission on pollution.

The sitting was closed at 10.05 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Georges SPÉNALE
President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 1976

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. SPÉNALE
President

The sitting was opened at 11.05 a.m.

Approval of minutes

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

Verification of credentials

On a proposal from the Bureau which, pursuant to Rule 3 (1) of the Rules of Procedure, had checked that the appointment of Mr. Waltmans complied with the provisions of the Treaties, Parliament decided to ratify this appointment.

Supplementary budget No 2 for 1976 (vote)

The first item on the agenda was the vote on the motion for a resolution contained in the report by Mr Cointat on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 (Doc. 261/76) — (Doc. 293/76). This report had been considered at the sitting of Wednesday, 15 September 1976.

Mr Cointat, *Rapporteur*, pointed out that paragraph 5 of the motion for a resolution should read as follows:

'5. Approves draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 for the financial year 1976 and instructs its President to declare it finally adopted.'

Parliament agreed to this modification.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 of the European Communities for the financial year 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary draft supplementary budget,
 - having regard to the draft supplementary budget (Doc. 261/76),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 293/76),
1. Notes that the additional appropriations requested are intended mainly for financing green currency and agricultural expenditure;
 2. Calls on the Commission to submit, before 1 January 1977, proposals designed to create the necessary conditions for cutting back drastically and permanently the inflation in green currency expenditure;
 3. Declares its resolve to strengthen its control over Community agricultural legislation in order to make up for the inadequacy of budgetary authorization in this area;
 4. Notes the new estimates of own resources, which should make it possible to finance additional expenditure, reduce Member States' financial contributions and show surplus revenue in the 1976 budget;
 5. Approves draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 for the financial year 1976 and instructs its President to declare it finally adopted.

The President declared, in accordance with Article 203 (7) of the EEC Treaty, Article 177 (7) of the EAEC Treaty and Article 78 (7) of the ECSC Treaty, that the budgetary procedure provided for in these articles had been completed and that supplementary and amending budget No 2 of the European Communities for the financial year 1976, fixed at 832 724 275 units of account had thus been finally adopted.

The President announced that the text of this budget would be published in the 'L' series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Oral questions with debate on the drought

The next item on the agenda was a joint debate on various oral questions concerning the drought.

Mr Cointat moved the oral questions with debate which he had put on behalf of the Group of

European Progressive Democrats to the Council and Commission on the state of agriculture and the development of farmers' incomes (Doc. 276/76).

In accordance with the agreement reached during the previous sitting, the question to the Council would be answered in writing.

Mr Martens moved the oral question with debate which he and Mr Alfred Bertrand had put on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group to the Commission on the consequences of the drought (Doc. 280/76).

Mr Hughes moved the oral question with debate which Mr Fellermaier, Mr Broeksz, Mr Corona, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mr Espersen, Mr Giraud, Mr Glinne and Mr Hansen had put on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission on the consequences of the drought and protection of the consumer (Doc. 286/76).

IN THE CHAIR: Mr M. YEATS

Vice-President

Mr Durieux moved the oral question with debate which he and Mr Houdet, Mr Bourdellès, Mr Kofoed and Mr Jozeau-Marigné had put on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group to the Commission on the economic repercussions of the drought on the agricultural economy and Community food supplies (Doc. 282/76).

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, answered the questions.

The following spoke: Mr Laban, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr De Koning, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Liogier, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Scott-Hopkins, on behalf of the European Conservative Group. Mr Hunault, Mr Lemoine and Mr Marras.

Mr Scott-Hopkins spoke on a question of procedure.

The following spoke in the continuing debate: Lady Fisher, Mr Carpentier, Mr Martens and Mr Lardinois.

The President declared the joint debate closed.

The sitting was suspended at 1.40 p.m. and resumed at 3 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: SIR GEOFFREY DE FREITAS

Vice-President

Authorization of reports

The President informed Parliament that, pursuant to Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure, he had authorized the following committees to draw up various reports:

— the Legal Affairs Committee:

a report on the compatibility between the management committee procedure and Article 205 of the EEC Treaty;

the Committee on Budgets had been asked for its opinion;

— the Committee on Energy and Research:

a report on the need for Community measures as regards the risks and costs of the disposal of atomic waste and of the treatment of nuclear power stations shut down under the Community energy policy;

a report on the need for Community measures to promote research in the field of solar energy — direct and indirect action.

Oral Question with debate: Milk production

Mr Scott-Hopkins moved the oral question with debate which he had put on behalf of the European Conservative Group to the Commission on milk production (Doc. 279/76).

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

The following spoke: Mr Laban, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Liogier, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Lord St. Oswald, Lord Castle, Mr Carpentier and Mr Lardinois.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Regulation on the common organization of the market in potatoes

Mr Bourdellès introduced his second report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 512/75) for a Regulation on the common organization of the market in potatoes (Doc. 289/76).

The following spoke: Mr Haase on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Martens, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Scott-Hopkins, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Hughes, Mr Laban, Mr McDonald 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 Regulation on the common organization of the market in potatoes

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 Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 512/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 158/76),
 - having regard to the second report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 289/76),
1. Welcomes the realization of a simple common organization of the market in the potato sector because of the need to harmonize disparate national regulations so as to be able to ensure unimpeded liberalization of trade in this sector;
 2. Realizes the special difficulties involved in establishing a common organization of the market in potatoes, particularly in view of the varying production structures in the Member States and the nature of the product itself, which is particularly susceptible to the vagaries of climate and variations in price and yield;
 3. Approves the principle of making groups of producers responsible for managing supply and stabilizing the market, as well as the measures designed to encourage the formation of such groups; considers, however, that the three-year period for granting initial aid for setting up groups of producers is too short to allow the groups to organize themselves and calls on the Commission to provide for an extension of this period;
 4. Deplores the inadequacy of the means available for regulating market supply since the producer groups at present control only about 5 % of all potato production and 10 % of ware potato production, a fact which considerably reduces the scope of the Regulation, particularly as regards the effectiveness of the proposed market support measures;
 5. Considers therefore that regulation of the market in potatoes cannot be achieved until a Community monitoring system is introduced giving continuous information on the quantities of ware potatoes on the market.
 6. Calls on the Commission to consider other methods consistent with this Regulation of adjusting market supply in such a way that production and marketing are adequately geared to the specific requirements of the consumer;
 7. Considers that special efforts should be made as regards the processing industry, stressing in this connection the importance of Community action to improve long-term profitability;
 8. Approves of the market intervention rules which allow account to be taken of the special characteristics of new potatoes;
 9. Hopes that the Commission will pursue its studies with a view to introducing simpler and less costly alternatives for disposing of surpluses of ware potatoes;
 10. Insists that the quality standards proposed should be set at a high level so as to discourage the production of inferior quality potatoes and to promote the marketing of good varieties only and that provision should be made at Community level for effective supervision of these standards;

(1) OJ No C 61, 17. 3. 1976, p. 2.

11. Considers that the phytosanitary rules in force in the Member States, which are liable to prejudice free trade, should be harmonized, with the provision that precautions against the risk of illness must be maintained;
12. Draws the Commission's attention in particular to the importance of guaranteeing regular supplies to the consumer at reasonable prices so as to counter possible fluctuations in volume of production and prices of the kind recently experienced;
13. Expresses doubt as to whether the Regulation in the form proposed by the Commission, can lead in the immediate future to a satisfactory balance between supply and demand on the market, but regards the proposal as a point of departure for Community action, which can be backed up by other stabilizing instruments adapted to the special characteristics of the potato market;
14. Approves the Commission's proposal, subject to the following amendments;
15. 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 on the common organization of the market in potatoes

Preamble, recitals and Articles 1 to 6 unchanged

Article 7

Article 7

Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 (a) to (d) unchanged

(e) *include in their statutes provisions ensuring that members of a group or union who wish to give up their membership may do so only after a three-year period of membership following recognition and provided they inform the group or union of their intention at least one year before they leave. Those provisions shall apply without prejudice to the national laws or regulations designed to protect, in specific cases, the group or union or creditors thereof against the financial consequences which might arise from a member leaving, and to prevent a member from leaving during the budgetary year;*

(e) **deleted**

⁽¹⁾ For complete text, see OJ No C 61, 17. 3. 1976, p. 2.

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

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Paragraphs 3 (f) and (g) unchanged

(h) refrain from occupying a dominant position *on the common market or on a substantial part thereof*;

(h) refrain from occupying a dominant position **in the Community**;

Articles 8 to 35 unchanged

Mr Laban and Mr Bourdellès, Rapporteur, spoke on a question of procedure.

Oral question with debate: common agricultural policy and the Third World

Lady Fisher moved the oral question with debate which she and Mr Hughes, Mr Hansen, Mr Broeks and Mr Flämig had put to the Commission on the common agricultural policy and the Third World (Doc. 277/76).

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

Lord Walston spoke on behalf of the Socialist Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr J. SCOTT-HOPKINS

Vice-President

The following spoke in the continuing debate: Mr De Koning, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, and Mr Liogier, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats.

The President declared the debate on this question closed.

Oral question with debate: North/south dialogue

Miss Flesch moved the oral question with debate which she and Mr Van Der Hek, Mr Kaspereit, Lord Reay and Mr Springorum had put to the Commission on the north/south dialogue (Doc. 275/76).

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

The following spoke: Lord Walston, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Springorum, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Liogier, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, and Miss Flesch.

The President declared the debate on this question closed.

The President announced that he had received from Miss Flesch, Mr Van Der Hek, Mr Kaspereit, Lord Reay and Mr Springorum 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 the oral question (Doc. 275/76), on the state of the north/south dialogue (Doc. 297/76).

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

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the state of the north/south dialogue

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the answer of the Commission of the European Communities,

1. Recalls that the Community and the Member States play a large part in the north/south dialogue which is of the highest importance for both the EEC and the developing countries;

2. Therefore expects the Community to demonstrate clearly its determination to reach a positive conclusion, particularly as regards the debts of the developing countries and the need to preserve their purchasing power;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

Fifth Commission report on competition policy

Mr Normanton introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the fifth report of the Commission of the European Communities on competition policy (Doc. 243/76).

The following spoke: Mr Albertsen, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Liogier, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Lord Ardwick, Mr Hamilton and Mr Prescott.

Procedural motion

The following spoke on a question of procedure: Mr Hamilton, Lord Castle, Mr Prescott and Mr Hamilton.

Lord Castle asked for the sitting to be adjourned for five minutes.

As the result of the vote by show of hands was doubtful, Parliament voted on Lord Castle's request by sitting and standing. The request was rejected.

Fifth Commission report on competition policy (continued)

The following spoke in the continuing debate: Mr Vouel, *Member of the Commission*, and Mr Normanton, *Rapporteur*.

Procedural motion (continued)

Lord Castle and Mrs Kellett-Bowman spoke.

Fifth Commission report on competition policy (continued)

Parliament now considered the motion for a resolution contained in Mr Normanton's report and adopted the preamble.

On paragraph 1, Mr Albertsen, Mr Prescott and Lord Bruce had tabled Amendment No 3 which Mr Albertsen now moved.

The rapporteur spoke,

Amendment No 3 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 1 thus amended.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 2 to 8.

On paragraph 9 Mr Albertsen had tabled Amendment No 1 which he now moved.

The rapporteur spoke.

Amendment No 1 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 9.

On paragraph 10, Mr Albertsen, Mr Prescott and Mr Lange had tabled Amendment No 2, which Mr Prescott now moved.

The following spoke: Lord Bethell, *Rapporteur*, and Mr Vouel, *Member of the Commission*.

Amendment No 2 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 10 thus amended.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 11 to 17.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the fifth report of the Commission of the European Communities on competition policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the fifth report of the Commission of the European Communities on competition policy,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 243/76),

1. Welcomes the Commission's achievement in maintaining progress in the field of competition policy, which has helped to strengthen the common market despite the current severe international economic problems, but deplores the Commission's lack of adequate means and liaison between its departments in counteracting the growing concentration of business companies with their particular contribution to inflation;
2. Stresses, however, the need for the Commission to extend the scope and application of its competition policy to ensure that the whole range of Community activity is covered;
3. Urges the Commission, therefore, to consider how competition policy might fruitfully be applied to such diverse areas as social policy, the approximation of laws, the relations between the EEC and State-trading countries, the accession of new Member States, the common agricultural policy, fishing policy, and the law of the Sea;
4. Regrets the absence from the Fifth Report of any mention of the competition aspects of energy policy, of consumer protection, of credit institutions, of the relationship between Community and national law, or of industrial policy, fields in which competition policy clearly has a role to play and to which the European Parliament has referred in previous resolutions;
5. Regrets also that insufficient progress has been made in removing obstacles to competition in the granting of public contracts;
6. Notes that there has also been insufficient progress in harmonizing export credits;
7. Stresses the importance for the Commission to monitor developments in Member States' national competition policies, with a view to determining whether or not they are in tune with the aims of a Community competition policy, and calls on the Commission to include an analysis of such developments in its future reports;
8. Urges the Commission to adopt an unambiguous policy on patent licensing, without which it is difficult for undertakings to align their activities with the requirements of the Community, and reiterates, therefore, its request to the Commission to work out precise guidelines for the content of patent agreements which could both ensure the essential protection for the granter and avoid restraints on marketing contrary to the concept of a single market;
9. Wonders why the Commission has not included in its fifth report evidence of its continuing investigations into price discrepancies which might indicate distortions of competition, on which it reported in its fourth report, especially in view of the desirability of competition policy playing a role in combating inflation;
10. Supports the Commission's efforts to prevent unfair practices such as price-fixing, as exemplified by its action against United Brands, Hoffmann-La Roche and others;
11. Welcomes the new principles for coordinating regional aid throughout the Community which the Commission has worked out, and places the greatest possible importance on the implementation of these principles;

12. Calls on the Commission to continue its efforts to ensure that any aids granted by Member States do contribute to the necessary restructuring of the economy, and do not simply preserve obsolete industrial structures or transfer difficulties from one Member State to another;
13. Welcomes the Commission's adoption of guidelines for judging selective distribution agreements, but hopes for continued development in this field, with a view to amplifying these basic principles;
14. Urges the Commission to investigate and develop the role which competition policy could play in helping small- and medium-sized firms;
15. Awaits with interest the results of the Commission's examination of the business conduct of public undertakings, and the Directive which it is preparing in this field;
16. Expresses once again its regret that the Council has still not adopted the Regulation on the control of concentrations between undertakings, and urges the Council to adopt this proposal, in the form approved by Parliament, without delay; expects the Commission to continue its investigations into industrial concentration within the Community and to undertake a specific commitment for future action on the proposed merger control Regulation.
17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

Oral questions with debate on pollution

The next item on the agenda was a joint debate on two oral questions on pollution.

Mr Della Briotta moved the oral question with debate which, together with Mr Fellermaier, Mr Corona, Mr Bermani, Mr Concas and Mr Ariosto, he had put, on behalf of the Socialist Group, to the Commission on dioxin pollution in Seveso (Doc. 281/76).

IN THE CHAIR: Mr M. YEATS
Vice-President

Mr Giraud moved the oral question with debate which Mr Alfred Bertrand, Mr Bersani, Mr Noè, Mr Ligios, Mr Girardin and Mr Vernaschi had put, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, to the Commission on the poisonous cloud of Seveso and its consequences (Doc. 294/76).

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

The following spoke: Lord Bethell, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Sandri, on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Osborn, Mr Evans, Mr Romualdi, Mr Della Briotta, Mr Giraud and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza.

The President declared the joint debate closed.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Friday, 17 September 1976:

9.30 a.m. to 12 noon:

— Bangemann report on the admission of securities to stock exchange quotation;

- | | |
|---|---|
| — Schmidt report on customs debt; | — Bethell report on the dumping of wastes at sea; |
| — Herbert report on harmonization of the laws relating to vehicle driving licences; | — Della Briotta report on the wine sector (without debate). |

The sitting was closed at 9.50 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Lucien MARTENS
Vice-President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1976

IN THE CHAIR: Mr L. MARTENS
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.

Budgetary procedure for the financial year 1977

The President informed Parliament of a letter in which Mr Lange, rapporteur on the internal provisions for considering the draft general budget of the European Communities, proposed to Parliament that the rules applied for the financial year 1976 be applied again for the financial year 1977.

Parliament approved this proposal.

Directive on the admission of securities to official stock exchange quotation

Mr Bangemann introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 556/75) for a Directive coordinating the conditions for the

admission of securities to official stock exchange quotation (Doc. 236/76).

The following spoke: Mr Lange, *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs*, Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission*, Mr Shaw, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Hamilton, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Mr Molloy, Mr Bangemann, *Rapporteur*, and Mr Lange.

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

On Article 5, Mr Lange had tabled Amendment No 1 on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

The rapporteur spoke.

As the result of the vote by show of hands on this amendment was doubtful, Parliament voted by sitting and standing, and adopted Amendment No 1.

On Article 6, Mr Lange had tabled Amendment No 2 on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

Amendment No 2 was adopted.

Mr Lange had tabled on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs Amendment No 3, proposing the insertion of a new Article after Article 19.

Amendment No 3 was adopted.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive coordinating the conditions for the admission of securities to official stock exchange quotation

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 54 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 556/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 236/76),
1. Notes that although the coordination measures in the proposed Directive will allow some progress to be made towards the free movement of capital, they still leave a wide margin of discretion to Member States, thus jeopardizing the very aims of the Directive;
 2. Calls upon the Commission, therefore, to draw up and submit to the Council, as soon as possible, a further proposal laying down, in a common procedure independent of the national procedures, minimum conditions subject to which an issuer in one Member State may have securities admitted to official quotation on stock exchanges in other Member States without having to fulfil stricter or additional national requirements;
 3. Notes, moreover, that the Directive does not envisage the coordination of procedural formalities which, in certain cases, may cause substantial delays in dealing with applications for the admission of securities to quotation;
 4. Asks the Commission, therefore, to take steps to ensure that these formalities are coordinated;
 5. Believes that public bodies should also be subject to the provisions of the Directive;
 6. Feels that there should be greater rights of appeal against the decisions of the national authorities responsible for the admission of securities to quotation;
 7. Asks the Commission to submit to the Council as soon as possible a proposal for a Directive on the freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services for stockbrokers, as an essential precondition for easier access to the buying and selling of securities at Community level.
 8. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 56, 10. 3. 1976, p. 2.

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

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Council Directive coordinating the conditions for the admission of securities to official
stock exchange quotation**

Preamble, recitals and Article 1 unchanged

⁽¹⁾ For complete text, see OJ No C 56, 10. 3. 1976, p. 2.

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

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Article 2

For the purposes of this Directive:

- (a) 'open-end collective investment undertakings' shall mean investment companies and unit trusts whose securities are or have been issued continuously or in closely spaced blocks and/or are at the request of the holders repurchased or redeemed, directly or indirectly, from the assets of these undertakings;
- (b) 'closed investment companies' shall mean investment companies other than those referred to in (a) above;
- (c) 'unit of account' shall mean the unit of account as defined by the Commission Decision of 18 December 1975 ⁽¹⁾.

Article 3

- 1. Securities issued by open-end collective investment undertakings shall not fall within the scope of this Directive.
- 2. This Directive shall also not relate to the admission of securities issued by a Member State or its regional and local authorities to official quotation on a stock exchange situated within the territory of that Member State.

Article 4 unchanged*Article 5*

- 1. Subject to the prohibition provided for in Article 6 and those provided for in schedules A and B, the Member States may make the admission of securities to official quotation subject to more rigorous conditions than those listed in schedules A and B or to additional conditions, provided that they are of general application and that they have been publicly brought into force prior to the request for admission to official quotation to which they relate.

Article 2

For the purposes of this Directive:

- (a) unchanged
- (b) unchanged
- (c) 'unit of account' shall mean the unit of account as defined by the Commission Decision of 18 December 1975 ⁽¹⁾ or by subsequent Commission Decisions.

Article 3

- 1. unchanged
- 2. This Directive shall also not relate to the admission of securities issued by a Member State to official quotation on a stock exchange situated within the territory of that Member State.

Article 5

- 1. Within two years of the adoption of this Directive the Member States may introduce more rigorous conditions than those listed in schedules A, B, C and D, provided that they have received the prior approval of the Commission, are of general application and have been publicly brought into force prior to admission to official quotation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 327, 19. 12. 1975, p. 4.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

2. *The Member States may, within the same limits as those provided for in paragraph 1 above, make the issuers of a security admitted to official quotation subject to more rigorous obligations than those listed in schedules C and D or to additional obligations.*

Article 6

The Member States shall not make the admission to official quotation of securities subject to the condition that these securities be admitted to official stock exchange quotation in a Member State.

Article 10

1. In the event of the rejection of an application for admission of a security to official quotation, the competent authorities shall give explicit reasons for this decision to the applicant.

2. Each Member State shall provide for a right of appeal to the courts against a decision to refuse an application.

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2. The Member States may lay down conditions additional to those in schedules A, B, C and D, provided that they are of general application and have been publicly brought into force prior to admission to official quotation.

3. The Member States shall not, however, make the admission of securities to official quotation subject to the condition that these securities already be admitted to official stock exchange quotation in a Member State.

4. The Member States shall inform the Commission of the nature and application of the additional conditions referred to in paragraph 2. These conditions shall not be amended without the prior consent of the Commission.

5. Within two years of the adoption of this proposal for a Directive the Commission shall submit proposals concerning the incorporation into schedules A, B, C and D of the additional conditions referred to in paragraph 2, and also proposals on the conditions which the Member States may not impose.

Article 6

Within four years of the entry into force of this Directive the Commission shall submit a proposal whereby the admission of securities to official stock exchange quotation in one Member State authorizes admission to official quotation on other stock exchanges.

Article 10

1. unchanged

2. Each Member State shall provide for a right of administrative appeal or appeal to the courts against a decision to refuse an application and against decisions taken pursuant to Articles 14 (2), 15 (2) and 16.

Articles 7 to 9 unchanged

 TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
 OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

 TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Article 11

Notwithstanding *Articles 5 and 10 respectively*, the Member States may invest the competent authorities with powers, to be invoked only for the purpose of protecting the investor:

- (a) to make an application for the admission of a security to official quotation subject to any special condition which they consider appropriate and of which the applicant has been explicitly informed;
- (b) *to reject an application for the admission of a security to official quotation without giving explicit reasons for the rejection to the applicant.*

Article 11

Notwithstanding **Article 5**, the Member States may invest the competent authorities with powers, to be invoked only for the purpose of protecting the investor:

- to make an application for the admission of a security to official quotation subject to any special condition which they consider appropriate and of which the applicant has been explicitly informed;
- (b) **deleted**

Articles 12 to 19 unchanged

Article 19a

Within two years of the adoption of this Directive the Commission shall submit proposals for the coordination of the administrative and formal procedures connected with applications for admission to official quotation — the submission of certificates, supporting documents, etc.

Articles 20 to 21 unchanged

Article 22

1. The competent authorities shall be required to inform the Commission of any decision, together with the reasons, to refuse an application for admission to official quotation on a stock exchange situated within their territory of a security issued within another Member State.
2. The Commission shall *inform the Contact Committee of this refusal. The deliberations of the Committee on the matter* shall be covered by the obligation of professional secrecy.

Article 22

1. **unchanged**
2. The Commission shall **communicate this refusal to the Contact Committee. Any discussion by the Committee of this communication** shall be covered by the obligation of professional secrecy.

Articles 23 and 24 unchanged

Annexes I to IV unchanged

Directive on customs debt

Lord Castle, deputizing for the rapporteur, introduced the report drawn up by Mr Schmidt on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 104/76) for a Directive on the harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to customs debt (Doc. 237/76).

Mr Santer, *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee*, and Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission*, spoke.

Parliament considered next the amendments to the proposal for a Directive.

On Article 7, Mr Santer had tabled Amendment No 1 on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee.

Amendment No 1 was adopted.

On Article 8, Mr Santer had tabled amendment No 2 on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee.

Amendment No 2 was adopted.

Parliament adopted the following resolution, together with the amendment to paragraph 3 rendered necessary as a result of the adoption of the amendments to the proposal for a Directive:

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 provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to customs debt

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(76) 127),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 104/76),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on External Economic relations and the opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 237/76),

1. Welcomes this proposal for a Directive inasmuch as it represents an important contribution to the establishment of the customs union;
2. Hopes that the Directive will be implemented by all the Member States on 1 January 1977;
3. Approves the Commission's proposal, but requests it 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 harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to customs debt

Preamble, recitals and Articles 1 to 6 unchanged

(1) For complete text, see COM(76) 127.

 TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
 OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

 TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Article 7

Without prejudice to the time limits for payment which the debtor may be allowed under the provisions in force, the amount of the import or export duties which constitutes the customs debt shall be liable for payment to the competent authorities *from the time when the said duties are entered into the accounts.*

However, when a customs debt results from the failure of the debtor to fulfil his customs obligations, immediate payment of the amount of the import or export duties shall be required.

Article 7

Without prejudice to the time limits for payment which the debtor may be allowed under the provisions in force, the amount of the import or export duties which constitutes the customs debt shall be liable for payment to the competent authorities **when the entry in the accounts of the said duties has been completed.**

deleted

Article 8

Paragraph 1 unchanged

Article 8

2. In addition:

- (a) the customs debt on importation shall be settled, *up to the amount which corresponds to the quantity of goods concerned:*

2. In addition:

- (a) the customs debt on importation shall be settled:

Remainder of subparagraph (a) and subparagraph (b)
unchanged

Articles 9 to 13 unchanged

Directive on the harmonization of the laws relating to vehicle driving licences

Mr Herbert introduced his report drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport on the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 465/75) for a Directive on the harmonization of the laws relating to vehicle driving licences (Doc. 206/76).

The following spoke: Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission*, Mr Mursch, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Osborn, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Hillery and Mr Osborn.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the harmonization of the laws relating to vehicle driving licences

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 534 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 465/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 206/76),
 - recalling that the proposal is an amended version of a proposal which it has already considered and given its opinion upon,
 - welcoming the fact that the Council, recognizing the importance of the proposed amendments to the original proposal, has decided to consult it on the new text,
1. Expresses its satisfaction that the Commission has not only accepted so many of the amendments it proposed to the original proposal, but has also made the new proposal more flexible in its application;
 2. Considers, as regards the categories of vehicles requiring a driving licence, that a driving licence should be required to drive cycles with an auxiliary motor and motor cycles with or without sidecar constructed for a speed not exceeding 45 km/h;
 3. 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 harmonization of the laws relating to vehicle driving licences

Preamble, recitals and Articles 1 and 2 unchanged

Article 3

1. The Community driving licence provided for in Article 1 shall authorize the driving on the public highway of vehicles in the following categories:

Category A: motor cycles with or without side-car.

Article 3

1. unchanged

Category A1: cycles with auxiliary motor, motor cycles with or without side-cars having a maximum design speed not exceeding 45 km/h.

Category A2: motor cycles, being two- or three-wheeled vehicles with maximum design speed exceeding 45 km/h and/or maximum permitted weight exceeding 0.25 metric tons and, if equipped with internal combustion engine, with a cubic capacity exceeding 50 cm³.

⁽¹⁾ For complete text, see COM(75) 534 fin.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Category B: motor vehicles, other than those in *category A*, with a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 3.5 metric tons and not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat.

Category C: motor vehicles used for the carriage of goods and whose permissible maximum weight exceeds 3.5 metric tons.

Category D: motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers and having more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat.

Category E: combinations of vehicles of which the drawing vehicle is in a category or categories for which the driver is licensed (B and/or C and/or D) which are not themselves in that category or categories.

Category F1: engineering plant.

Category F2: agricultural, forestry and showman's tractors with or without trailer, capable of being driven on a public road.

Category G: vehicles of *category A* or *B* specially adapted to take account of the driver's disability.

2. (a) For the purpose of applying paragraph 1 hereof, a motor vehicle in category B above may be coupled to a trailer with a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 0.75 metric ton; such vehicle may also be coupled to a trailer with a permissible maximum weight exceeding 0.75 metric ton, provided that:

- the permissible maximum weight of the trailer does not exceed the unladen weight of the motor vehicle, and
- the combined permissible maximum weight of the vehicles when coupled does not exceed 3.5 metric tons.

(b) A motor vehicle in category C or D may be coupled to a trailer having a weight not exceeding 0.75 metric ton.

3. For the purposes of this Article:

motor cycle means any two or three-wheeled vehicle with a maximum design speed exceeding 45 km/h or, if it is powered by a heat engine, with a cylinder capacity exceeding 50 cm³. In addition, in the case of a three-wheeled vehicle, the unladen weight must not exceed 0.4 metric ton;

Category B: motor vehicles, other than those in **categories A1 and A2** with a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 3.5 metric tons and not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat.

Category C: unchanged

Category D: unchanged

Category E: unchanged

Category F1: unchanged

Category F2: unchanged

Category G: vehicles of **categories A1, A2 or B** specially adapted to take account of the driver's disability.

2. unchanged

3. unchanged

 TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
 OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

 TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

power-driven vehicle means any mechanically self-propelled vehicle circulating on the road, other than a vehicle which runs on rails;

motor vehicle means any power-driven vehicle which is normally used for carrying persons or goods by road or for drawing, on the road, vehicles used for the carriage of persons or goods. This term shall include trolley-buses, i.e. vehicles connected to an electric conductor and not running on rails. It shall not cover agricultural, forestry or showman's tractors;

agricultural, forestry or showman's tractor means any power-driven vehicle running on wheels or tracks, having at least two axles, of which the principal function lies in its tractive power and which is specially designed to pull, push, carry or operate certain tools, machines or trailers used in connection with agricultural, forestry or showman's operations, and of which the use for carrying persons or goods by road or for drawing, on the road, vehicles used for the carriage of persons or goods is only a secondary function.

4. The member States shall establish equivalent definitions where their national categories differ from the categories defined in paragraph 1.

4. unchanged

Article 4 unchanged

Article 5

The minimum age for the holding of a Community driving licence shall be:

(a) for *category* F2 16 years;

(b) for categories A, B and G 18 years. The Commission shall carry out a survey before 1 January 1980 into the respective rates of accidents involving 17-year old and 18-year old drivers, and shall, if appropriate, propose the amendment of the minimum age laid down for these categories in this Directive;

Article 5

unchanged

(a) for **categories** A1 and F2 16 years;

(b) for categories **A2**, B and G 18 years. The Commission shall carry out a survey before 1 January 1980 into the respective rates of accidents involving 17-year old and 18-year old drivers, and shall, if appropriate, propose the amendment of the minimum age laid down for these categories in this Directive;

 TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

(c) for all other categories 21 years, but without prejudice to Article 5 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 543/69 of 25 March 1969 on the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport ⁽¹⁾.

 TEXT AMENDED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

(c) unchanged

Articles 6 to 8 unchanged

ANNEX

Provision to be made for category A in the section setting out the vehicle categories for which the licence is valid to be divided in categories A1 and A2

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 77, 29. 3. 1969, p. 49.

Directive on the dumping of wastes at sea

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Lord Bethell on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 497/75) for a Directive concerning the dumping of wastes at sea (Doc. 216/76).

Lord Bethell asked for his report to be referred back to committee.

The following spoke: Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission*, and Lady Fisher who, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, seconded Lord Bethell's request.

The report was accordingly referred back to committee.

Regulations on the wine sector

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Mr Della Briotta, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposals from the

Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 on the granting of a conversion premium in the wine sector (Doc. 250/76);
- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 827/68 on the common organization of the market in certain products listed in Annex II to the Treaty (Doc. 238/76);
- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions (Doc. 234/76);
- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2893/74 on sparkling wines produced in the Community and defined in item 12 of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 and Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions (Doc. 235/76)

(Doc. 285/76).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

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

- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 on the granting of a conversion premium in the wine sector
- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 827/68 on the common organization of the market in certain products listed in Annex II to the Treaty
- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provision relating to quality wines produced in specified regions
- a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2893/74 on sparkling wines produced in the Community and defined in item 12 of Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 and Regulation (EEC) No 817/70 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 250/76, Doc. 238/76, Doc. 234/76 and Doc. 235/76),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 285/76),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 181, 5. 8. 1976, p. 9; OJ No C 166, 21. 7. 1976, pp. 3 and 4; and OJ No C 161, 14. 7. 1976, p. 7.

Dates for next part-session

On a proposal from the enlarged Bureau, Parliament decided to hold its next part-session in Strasbourg from 11 to 15 October 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 11.05 a.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Lucien MARTENS
Vice-President
