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## I

*(Information)*

CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AFRICAN,  
CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC  
COMMUNITY

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European Centre, Kirchberg — Luxembourg

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY,  
10 OCTOBER 1979

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr Tandeng MUNA

*President of the National Assembly  
of the United Republic of Cameroon*

Mrs Simone VEIL

*President of the European Parliament*

(The constituent sitting was opened at 5.05 p.m.)

**Opening of the annual session of the Assembly**

President Veil declared the annual session of the Assembly open.

After welcoming the representatives of the ACP States, and in particular those who had acceded since the last session, she expressed the hope that the present session would be as fruitful as those held in the past, and marked by the same spirit of cooperation.

**Composition of the Assembly**

Pursuant to Article 1 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, President Veil informed the Assembly of the composition of the Assembly.

The list of members is attached to these minutes (Annex I).

**Election of the Bureau**

Pursuant to Article 6 (1) of the Rules of Procedure, the Assembly elected its Bureau, which was composed of the following 12 members:

*Presidents:*

Mrs Veil, *President of the European Parliament*

Mr Muna, *President of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Cameroon*

*Vice-Presidents:*

Mr Kühn

Mr Vandewiele

Mr Pearce

Mr Denis

Mr Messmer

Mr Sherman

Mr Boolell

Mr Kombe

Mr Brathwaite

Mr Faletau

(The sitting was suspended at 5.10 p.m. and resumed at 5.35 p.m. as the formal sitting.)

**IN THE CHAIR:**

Mr Tandeng MUNA

*President*

Mrs Simone VEIL

*President*

On behalf of the Assembly, President Muna welcomed the Luxembourg authorities who were attending the sitting.

During the formal sitting the following spoke: Mrs Veil, President of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, Mr Santer, Minister of Finance and Minister of Employment and Social Security, on behalf of the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and Mr Muna, President of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly.

(The sitting was suspended at 6.20 p.m. and resumed at 6.30 p.m.)

**IN THE CHAIR:**

Mr Tandeng MUNA

*President*

**Election of members of the Joint Committee**

On a proposal from the Bureau, the Assembly elected the members of the Joint Committee pursuant to Article 21 of the Rules of Procedure.

The list of members of the Joint Committee is attached to these minutes (Annex II).

**Election of chairmen of the Joint Committee**

The Assembly elected Mr Bersani and Mr Kango Ouedraogo chairmen of the Joint Committee.

**Documents received**

President Muna announced that he had received the following documents:

- Report by Mr Giama, on behalf of the Joint Committee, on particular problems and difficulties

that have arisen in connection with the implementation of certain provisions concerning the commercial aspects of the Convention of Lomé (Doc. ACP-EEC 11/79)

- Motion for a resolution tabled by the Joint Committee on the situation in Southern Africa (Doc. ACP-EEC 12/79)
- Motion for a resolution tabled by the Joint Committee on the sugar of the ACP States (Doc. ACP-EEC 13/79)
- Motion for a general resolution tabled by the Joint Committee on the conclusion of the Joint Committee's proceedings (DOC. ACP-EEC 14/79).

**Order of business**

On a proposal from the Joint Committee, the Assembly adopted the following agenda for its session :

*That afternoon :*

- Introductory statements by Mr Andrews, President of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities, and Mr Brathwaite, replacing Mr St John, President of the ACP Council of Ministers.

Thursday, 11 October 1979

10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. :

- Introductory statement by Mr Cheysson, Member of the Commission of the European Communities
- Report by Mr Giama on the implementation of the Convention of Lomé
- Exchange of views on the present state of ACP-EEC cooperation
- Motion for a resolution on Southern Africa
- Motion for a resolution on sugar
- Motion for a general resolution on the proceedings of the Joint Committee.

Friday, 12 October 1979

9.00 a.m.:

- Possibly, continuation of the exchange of views on the present state of ACP-EEC cooperation
- Any other business.

#### Introductory statements

Mr Andrews, President of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and President-in-Office of the Council of the

European Communities, and Mr Brathwaite, replacing Mr St John, President of the ACP Council of Ministers, delivered introductory statements.

#### Agenda for next sitting

President Muna announced the following agenda for the next sitting, which would be held on Thursday, 11 October 1979 :

10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. :

- Introductory statement by Mr Cheysson, Member of the Commission
- Report by Mr Giama on the implementation of the Convention of Lomé
- Exchange of views on the present state of ACP-EEC cooperation
- Motion for a resolution on Southern Africa
- Motion for a resolution on sugar
- Motion for a general resolution on the proceedings of the Joint Committee.

(The sitting was closed at 7.30 p.m.)

H.-J. OPITZ and François EYOK

*Secretaries-General*

Jaques DENIS

*Vice-President*

## ANNEX I

## MEMBERS OF THE ACP-EEC CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY

|                                  |                                     |  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| BAHAMAS                          | — Abens Victor                      | RÉPUBLIQUE<br>CENTRAFRICAINE                 | — Kombot-Naguemon<br>Nestor   |
|                                  | — van Aerssen Jochen                |  | — Cohen Robert                |
|                                  | — Ansart Gustave                    |  | — Colla Marcel                |
|                                  | — Baduel Glorioso<br>Maria Fabrizia |  | — Collomb Francisque          |
| BARBADOS                         | —                                   | RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE<br>ISLAMIQUE DES COMORES | — Colombo Emilio              |
|                                  | —                                   |  | — Kemal Seydi Ali             |
|                                  | — Balfe Richard                     |  | — Toilibou Mohamed            |
|                                  | — Balfour Neil                      |  |                               |
| RÉPUBLIQUE POPULAIRE<br>DU BENIN | — Brathwaite L. B.                  | RÉPUBLIQUE POPULAIRE<br>DU CONGO             | — Ossebi Douniam              |
|                                  | — Barrow N.                         |  | — Ongagou-Datchou<br>Alphonse |
|                                  | — Barbi Paolo                       |  |                               |
|                                  | — Battersby Robert                  |  |                               |
| BOTSWANA                         | — Agbahe Grégoire                   | CÔTE D'IVOIRE                                | — Coulibaly Gon               |
|                                  | — Agossa Polycarpe                  |  | — Ebagnitchie Edouard         |
|                                  | — Bersani Giovanni                  |  | — Cronin Jeremiah             |
|                                  | — Beumer Bouke                      |  | — Dalziel Ian                 |
| BURUNDI                          | — Bonaccini Aldo                    | DJIBOUTI                                     | — Damseaux André              |
|                                  | — Boserup Bodil                     |  | — Debatisse Michel            |
|                                  | —                                   |  | — De Clercq Willy             |
|                                  | —                                   |  | — Dekker Suzanne              |
| CABO VERDE                       | — Garebamono Geoffrey               | DOMINICA                                     | — Delatte Charles             |
|                                  | — Sekwababe P.                      |  | — Deleau Gustave              |
|                                  | —                                   |  | — Delmotte Fernand            |
|                                  | —                                   |  | — Denis Jacques               |
| RÉPUBLIQUE UNIE<br>DU CAMEROUN   | — Ntungumburanye Jérôme             | ETHIOPIA                                     | — Obsié Robleh                |
|                                  | — Buyoya Gélase                     |  | — Sultan Ali Ahmed            |
|                                  | —                                   |  | — Lady Elles                  |
|                                  | —                                   |  | — Enright Derek               |
|                                  | — Corsino Tolentino André           |  | — Estgen Nicolas              |
|                                  | —                                   |  | —                             |
|                                  | — Muna S. Tandeng                   |  | — Berhane Ghebray             |
|                                  | — Ngi Peter Nsakwa                  |  | — Ewing Winifred              |
|                                  | — Carettoni Romagnoli<br>Tullia     |  | — Fergusson Adam              |
|                                  | — Cassanmagnago                     |  | — Ferrero Bruno               |
|                                  | — Cerretti Maria Luisa              |  |                               |
|                                  | — Castellina Luciana                |  |                               |
|                                  | — Castle Barbara                    |  |                               |
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| FIJI               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Iloilo Ratu</li> <li>— Singh S.</li> <li>— Filippi Renzo Eligio</li> <li>— Flanagan Sean</li> <li>— Flesch Colette</li> <li>— Focke Katharina</li> <li>— Forster Norvela</li> <li>— Früh Isidor</li> <li>— Gabert Volkmar</li> </ul>         | JAMAICA                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Rainford Donald</li> <li>— Johnson Stanley</li> <li>— Jürgens Heinrich</li> </ul>  |
| GABON              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Nkoghe Mve Moïse</li> <li>— Sambhat Albert Martin</li> <li>— Galland Yves</li> <li>— Galluzzi Carlo Alberto</li> </ul>   | KENYA                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Kiti S. G.</li> </ul>  |
| GAMBIA             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Jack A. S.</li> <li>— Sanneh Kemo</li> <li>— Geurtsen Aart</li> </ul>  | REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Klepsch Egon</li> <li>— Kühn Heinz</li> <li>— Lemmer Gerd</li> </ul>   |
| GHANA              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Kesson Roiwland Atta</li> <li>— Wilmot J.</li> <li>— Glinne Ernest</li> </ul>  | LESOTHO                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Thakalekoala</li> <li>— Masithela J. C.</li> <li>— Lezzi Pietro</li> </ul>   |
| GRENADA            |   | REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Coleman Othello</li> <li>— Sherman Charles</li> <li>— Ligios Giosué</li> <li>— Loo Charles-Emile</li> <li>— Lücker Hans</li> <li>— Luster Rudolf</li> <li>— Lynge Finn</li> <li>— McCartin John</li> </ul> |
| GUINÉE ECUATORIAL  |   | RÉPUBLIQUE<br>DÉMOCRATIQUE<br>DE MADAGASCAR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Raveloarimefy</li> <li>— Rabezandrina</li> <li>— Andriamampiana</li> <li>— Jean Baptiste</li> </ul>  |
| GUINÉE-BISSAU      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— d'Oliveira Sanca Luis</li> </ul>   | MALAWI                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Katopala D. S.</li> <li>— Mwale Sululu</li> </ul>  |
| GUINÉE             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Top Sekou</li> </ul>   | MALI  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Kasse Boubakar</li> <li>— Traore Mamadou</li> <li>— Marchais Georges</li> <li>— Marshall John</li> </ul>   |
| REPUBLIC OF GUYANA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Insanally Samuel Rudolph</li> <li>— Abrams Donald Arthur</li> <li>— Haagerup Niels Jørgen</li> <li>— Habsburg Otto</li> <li>— Hänsch Klaus</li> </ul>  | ÎLE MAURICE                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Boolell Satcam</li> <li>— Bhayat Kader</li> </ul>  |
| HAUTE-VOLTA        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Ouedraogo Gérard Kango</li> <li>— Traore Lybia Alfonse</li> <li>— Henckens Jaak</li> <li>— Herklotz Luise</li> <li>— Howell Paul</li> <li>— Hume John</li> <li>— Irmer Ulrich</li> <li>— Jakobsen Erhard</li> <li>— Jaquet Gérard</li> </ul> | RÉPUBLIQUE ISLAMIQUE<br>DE MAURITANIE       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Ould Boukhreiss Moulaie</li> <li>— Ould Daddah Abdellahi</li> <li>— Messmer Pierre</li> <li>— Michel Victor</li> <li>— Moreau Jacques</li> <li>— Narducci Angelo</li> </ul>                                |
|                    |   | NIGER                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Bourem Kossomi</li> <li>— Zada Daouda</li> </ul>   |

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| NIGERIA                          | — Afolabi Peter Ayodele<br>— Akinniranye E. A.<br><br>— Normanton Tom<br>— Nyborg Kai<br>— O'Leary Michael<br>— Olesen Kjeld<br>— Pajetta Giancarlo<br>— Pannella Marco  | SUDAN              | — Sayed Siddig Nari Khalil   |
| PAPUA NEW GUINEA                 | — Pearce Andrew<br>— Pedini Mario<br>— Pelikan Jiri<br>— Penders Johannes J. M.<br>— Poirier Henriette<br>— Puletti Ruggero<br>— Rabbethge<br>— Renate-Charlotte<br>— Sir Brandon<br>— Rhys Williams<br>— Rinsche Günter<br>— Ripa di Meana Carlo<br>— Rogers Allan<br>— Rossi André | REPUBLIEK SURINAME | — Wijntuin E. L. A.<br>— Nooitmeer R. B. R.  |
| RWANDA                           | — Mulindangabo Ambroise<br>— Hatungimana Callixte<br><br>— Ryan Richie<br>— Sablé Victor   | SWAZILAND          | — Mtetwa K. M.<br>— Dlamini Barnabas   |
| SAINT LUCIA                      | — Thomas Claudius  | TANZANIA           | — Kazaura Fulgence Michael<br>— Taylor John David  |
| SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE              | — Sarre Georges<br>— Schieler Rudolf<br>— Schmitt Heinz<br>— Schön Konrad<br>— Schwartzberg<br>— Roger-Gérard<br>— Seefeld Horst   | TCHAD              | — Alhamdou Issaka Ramat  |
| SENEGAL                          | — Guillabert André<br>— Fall Moustapha   | TOGO               | — Dagadou Kodjovi Vinyo<br>— Homawoo Atsu Jao  |
| REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES           | excused<br>— Sherlock Alexander<br>— Simmonds Richard  | TONGA              | — Faletau Inoke F.   |
| SIERRA LEONE                     | — Kanu Sheka Hassan<br>— Fofana  | TRINIDAD & TOBAGO  | — St John Maurice<br>— Rambert Pieter<br>— Turner Amédée E.  |
| SOLOMON ISLANDS                  | excused  | TUVALU             | excused  |
| REPUBBLICA DEMOCRATICA<br>SOMALA | — Ahmed Omar Salah<br><br>— Spautz Jean<br>— Spicer James  | UGANDA             | — Luwuliza-Kirunda John<br>— Makmot H. M. B.<br><br>— Vandewiele Marcel<br>— Veil Simone<br>— Vergeer Willem<br>— Vergés Paul<br>— Walz Hanna<br>— Wawrzik Kurt<br>— Weber Beate |
|                                  |  | WESTERN SAMOA      | — Woltjer Eisso  |
|                                  |  | ZAÏRE              | — Isia Amoundale<br>— Ramazani Mwene<br>— Malangu  |
|                                  |  | ZAMBIA             | — Kombe L. K. M.<br>— Nakonde B. S.<br>— .....   |

## ANNEX II

## MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

## CHAIRMEN

Ouedraogo Gérard Kango

(Haute-Volta)

Bersani

## MEMBERS

Brathwaite L. B.

(Bahamas)

Badel Gloriosio

Agbahe Grégoire

(Barbados)

Barbi

Garebamon Geoffrey

(Bénin)

Bonaccini

Ntungumburanye Jérôme

(Botswana)

Cassanmagnago Cerretti

Corsino Tolentino André

(Burundi)

Castellina

Ngi Peter Nsakwa

(Cabo Verde)

Castle

Kombot-Naguemon Nestor

(Cameroun)

Cohen

Kemal Seydi Ali

(Centrafrique)

Colla

Ossebi Douniam

(Comores)

Collomb

Ebagnitchie Edouard

(Congo)

Dalziel

Obstè Robleh

(Côte d'Ivoire)

Denis

Berhane Ghebray

(Djibouti)

Enright

Iloilo Ratu

(Dominica)

Ewing

Nkoghe Mve Moïse

(Ethiopia)

Fergusson

Jack A. S.

(Fiji)

Ferrero

Kesson Roiwland Atta

(Gabon)

Flanagan

(Gambia)

Flesch

(Ghana)

Focke

(Grenada)

Forster

(Guinea Ecuatorial)

Früh

(Guiné-Bissau)

Geurtsen

(Guinée)

Glinne

Insanally Samuel Rudolph

(Guyana)

Haagerup

Rainford Donald

(Jamaica)

Howell

Kiti S. G.

(Kenya)

Hume

(Kiribati)

Irmer

Thakalekoala

(Lesotho)

Jakobsen

Sherman Charles

(Liberia)

Jaquet

Raveloarimefy Rabezandrina

(Madagascar)

Jürgens

Katopala D. S.

(Malawi)

Kühn

Kasse Boubakar

(Mali)

Lezzi

Boolell Satcam

(Île Maurice)

Loo

Ould Boukhreiss Moulaie

(Mauritanie)

Luster

Bourem Kossomi

(Niger)

Messmer

Afolabi Peter Ayodele

(Nigeria)

Michel

(Papua New Guinea)

Moreau Jacques

Mulindangabo Ambroise

(Rwanda)

Narducci

Thomas Claudius

(Saint Lucia)

Normanton

(Sao Tomé e Príncipe)

O'Leary

Guillabert André

(Sénégal)

Pearce

(Seychelles)

Penders

Kanu Sheka Hassan

(Sierra Leone)

Poirier

(Solomon Islands)

Puletti

Ahmed Omar Salah

(Somalia)

Ryan

Siddig Sayed Nari Khalil

(Sudan)

Sablé

Wijntuin E. L. A.

(Suriname)

Schieler

Mtetwa K. M.

(Swaziland)

Schön Konrad

Kazaura Fulgence Michael

(Tanzania)

Seefeld

Alhamdou Issaka Ramat

(Tchad)

Sherlock

Dagadou Kodjovi Vinyo

(Togo)

Spautz

Faletau Inoke F.

(Tonga)

Turner

St John Maurice

(Trinidad &amp; Tobago)

Vandewiele

(Tuvalu)

Vergeer

Luwuliza-Kirunda John

(Uganda)

Vergès

(Western Samoa)

Walz

Ramazani Mwene Malangu

(Zaire)

Wawrzik

Kombe L. K. M.

(Zambia)

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1979

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Jacques DENIS

*Vice-President*

(The sitting was opened at 10.05 a.m.)

**Statement by the Commission**

Mr Cheysson, Member of the Commission of the European Communities, made a statement on relations between the ACP countries and the European Community.

**Implementation of the Convention of Lomé (debate)**

Mr Ahmed, deputizing for Mr Giama, introduced the report drawn up by the latter on behalf of the Joint Committee on particular problems and difficulties which have arisen in connection with the implementation of certain provisions concerning the commercial aspects of the Convention of Lomé (Doc. ACP-EEC 11/79).

The President announced that the motion for a resolution would be put to the vote the following morning (see Item 1 of the minutes of 12 October).

He declared the debate closed.

**ACP-EEC cooperation**

The Assembly then held an exchange of views on the present state of ACP-EEC cooperation.

The following spoke: Mr Jaquet, Mr Wijntuin, Mr Bersani, Mr Marchais, Mr Pannella, Mrs Focke, Mr Pajetta and Mr Michel.

**Deadline for tabling amendments**

On a proposal from President Denis, the Assembly set the deadline for tabling amendments to all working documents under consideration at 4 o'clock that afternoon.

(The sitting was suspended at 1.00 p.m. and resumed at 3.15 p.m.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Satcam BOOLELL

*Vice-President***ACP-EEC cooperation (continuation)**

Resuming the exchange of views on the present state of ACP-EEC cooperation, the following spoke: Mr Pedini, Mr Makmot, Mr Konrad Schön and Mr Ramazan.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Lloyd BRATHWAITE

*Vice-President*

The following spoke: Mr Kombot-Naguemon, Mr Irmer, Mr Luwuliza-Kirunda, Mr Kanu, Mr Vergès, Mr Narducci and Mr Kasse.

The President declared the debate closed.

**Situation in Southern Africa — ACP sugar — Proceedings of the Joint Committee (introduction)**

Mr Kasse introduced the following three motions for resolutions tabled by the Joint Committee:

- motion for a resolution on the situation in Southern Africa (Doc. ACP-EEC 12/79);
- motion for a resolution on the sugar of the ACP States (Doc. ACP-EEC 13/79);
- motion for a general resolution on the conclusion of the Joint Committee's proceedings (Doc. ACP-EEC 14/79).

**Situation in Southern Africa (debate)**

The following spoke: Mr Pearce, Mr Luwuliza-Kirunda, Mr Nakonde, Mr Kanu, Mr Balfe, Mr Diarra and Mr Kasse.

The President announced that the motion for a resolution (Doc. ACP-EEC 12/79) and the amendments that had been tabled would be put to the vote the following morning (see Item 2 of the minutes of 12 October).

He declared the debate closed.

#### ACP sugar (debate)

The following spoke: Mr Turner and Mr Chasle.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr L. KOMBE

*Vice-President*

The following spoke: Mr Insanally, Mr Delatte, Mr Bersani and Mr Pajetta.

The President announced that the motion for a resolution (Doc. ACP-EEC 13/79) and the amendments that had been tabled would be put to the vote the following morning (see Items 3 and 5 of the minutes of 12 October).

He declared the debate closed.

#### Proceedings of the Joint Committee (debate)

Since no one wished to speak, the President announced that the vote on the motion for a resolution (Doc. ACP-EEC 14/79) and the amendments that had been tabled would be held the following morning (see Item 4 of the minutes of 12 October).

He declared the debate closed.

The following raised points of order: Mr Kanu, Mr Rainford and Mr Chasle.

#### Document received

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution, tabled by Mr Kanu, on ACP-EEC cooperation in the matter of the development of fishing in the ACP States (Doc. ACP-EEC 15/79).

Pursuant to Article 15 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, this motion had been referred to the Joint Committee for consideration.

#### Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting, which would be held on Friday, 12 October 1979:

10.00 a.m.:

- Vote on the motion for a resolution contained in the GIAMA report on implementation of the Lomé Convention
- Vote on the motion for a resolution on Southern Africa
- Vote on the motion for a resolution on sugar
- Vote on the motion for a general resolution on the Joint Committee's proceedings
- Any other business.

(The sitting was closed at 8.10 p.m.)

H.-J. OPITZ and François EYOK

*Secretaries-General*

Tandeng MUNA and Simone VEIL

*Presidents*

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER 1979

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr Tandeng MUNA

*President*

Mrs Simone VEIL

*President*

(The sitting was opened at 10.10 a.m.)

**Implementation of the Lomé Convention (vote)**

The first item on the agenda was the vote on the motion for a resolution contained in the report by Mr Giama (Doc. ACP-EEC 11/79).

President Muna reminded the Assembly of the voting provisions contained in Article 14 (5) of the Rules of Procedure.

The Assembly adopted the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION**

on particular problems and difficulties that have arisen in connection with the implementation of certain provisions relating to the commercial aspects of the Convention of Lomé

*The ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, meeting in Luxembourg from 10 to 12 October 1979,*

— having regard to the report of the Joint Committee (Doc. ACP-EEC 11/79),

*(a) Generalized preferences*

1. Considers it absolutely essential for the Community to provide the ACP States with full and above all prompt information on the preferences system to be applied the following year;
2. Is deeply concerned at the way in which the special tariff advantages granted to the ACP States have hitherto been eroded and therefore calls for a system for conciliation and for assessing the effects of the generalized preferences system, and also for any adverse effects established jointly by both parties to be adequately compensated;
3. Urges the Community, in view of the continuous decline in competitive advantages, to help the ACP States to take corrective measures, in particular by improving trade structures and establishing an effective marketing policy;
4. Calls for the continuation and strengthening of close contacts between the ACP countries and the Community before and during the negotiations in the context of all multilateral trade talks;

5. Takes the view that the Community should ensure that it does not harm the interests of the poorest developing countries in extending the generalized preferences system;
6. Calls for adequate compensation for ACP States which suffer erosion of their tariff advantages granted under the Convention of Lomé;

(b) *Beef and veal*

7. Considers that the time and quantitative limits on the arrangements under the present system are not in the interests of certain ACP countries because of the importance of their beef and veal exports and therefore calls for a satisfactory long-term arrangement in the new Convention;

(c) *Rum*

8. Is not satisfied with the implementation of Protocol 7, particularly as regards the consultations for which it provides, and hopes that the procedure for obtaining the necessary import licences will be improved; considers it necessary for the Community to consult with the ACP States to formulate a precise definition of rum and calls for improvements in the areas of standardization of rum import statistics and explanation of the procedure used to determine quotas;
9. Calls on the Community to consult the ACP countries before finally adopting the regulation on the common organization of the market in ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin and recommends that special arrangements be made for the ACP countries in the proposed regulation;

(d) *Bananas*

10. Deplores the fact that the Community has not yet fulfilled all its obligations arising from the banana protocol and therefore urges the Community to review its position;
11. Considers it important for a kind of 'preliminary agreement' on the common organization of the market in bananas to be concluded between the Community and the ACP States, to ensure that the ACP States, and Somalia in particular, enjoy concessions in the matter of access to their traditional markets and are granted preferential treatment *vis-à-vis* third countries with respect to bananas;
12. Is convinced that Protocol 6 implies an obligation to grant investment aid to the banana sector, thus providing the banana-producing ACP countries with additional resources, which could be used not only to aid individual banana-producing countries but also for specific projects in the banana sector of joint interest to the ACP countries;
13. Calls on the Community actively to support the 'common organization' of the banana producing ACP countries, particularly as regards adaptation of the market and trade promotion, and in this connection regards direct contacts between ACP exporters and EEC importers as essential;
14. Requests that the Community should use those legal remedies available to it for dealing with any cases of unfair competition especially on the part of multinational companies, to safeguard the legitimate rights of the ACP countries;
15. Asks the Community to examine the proposal made by the Ivory Coast's representative at the Joint Committee's meeting in Maseru, that when the new Convention is being

negotiated, an arrangement for bananas similar to the protocol on sugar, and in any case giving the ACP States vital guarantees in respect of prices and quantities, should be included;

(e) *Sugar*

16. Regrets that the sugar protocol has not so far been properly implemented and hopes that future sugar negotiations will take place in a spirit of trust and genuine willingness to cooperate, to the satisfaction of all the partners concerned, particularly since the sugar protocol is a cornerstone of the Lomé Convention;

17. Cannot accept that the Community should consider itself empowered by the protocol to amend price structures unilaterally, to fix a new intervention price and to present, as a kind of *fait accompli*, the resulting figure to the ACP countries as its final offer of a guaranteed price;

18. Asks that the guaranteed price for ACP sugar should be properly negotiated in future, taking account of all major economic factors in order to ensure economic stability and growth in the ACP countries;

19. Recommends that the cultivation of sugar beet in the Community be kept at a reasonable level;

20. Urges the Community, pursuant to Annex 13 of the Lomé Convention, to reconsider its decision on Zambia's application for accession to the sugar protocol;

21. Urges the Community to sign the International Sugar Agreement as soon as possible;

(f) *Fruit and vegetables*

22. Hopes that the Community will continue to give the ACP States preferential treatment in respect of fruit and vegetables, even after the enlargement of the EEC;

23. Asks that the preferences granted to the ACP for agricultural products should in no case be lower than preferences which will be accorded to third countries or under other agreements;

(g) *Trade promotion*

24. Draws attention to the fundamental importance of trade promotion as a crucial starting point for the improvement of the economies of the ACP States and insists that the ACP States should be able to take full advantage of the trade facilities provided under the Lomé Convention;

25. Asks the Commission to investigate, before conclusion of the new Convention, to what extent Articles 12 to 15 of the Lomé Convention relating to trade promotion have been implemented;

26. Emphasizes that the objective of financial and trade cooperation should be to improve both production, in terms of quality and quantity, and trade promotion;

27. Regards the creation of a trade promotion centre and marketing offices, an adequate knowledge of markets, and the organization of exhibitions and trade fairs as essential requirements for trade promotion; requests the Commission to make available to the ACP countries in a simplified form all necessary documentation and information on products, markets, pricing, channels of distribution, advertising, etc.;

28. Considers it important to make every possible effort to facilitate and promote marketing coordination among the ACP States and to this end requests the Community to assist ACP States in every possible way;

29. Further requests that consideration be given to the active promotion of tourism in ACP States bearing in mind that this 'invisible export' has the same effect as the promotion of product exports;

30. Believes that, bearing in mind the importance of trade promotion and the need for adequate financial resources, the question of a special fund, or some other specific scheme to further these activities, should be studied.

#### Situation in Southern Africa (vote)

The next item was the vote on the motion for a resolution tabled by the Joint Committee on Southern Africa (Doc. ACP-EEC 12/79).

The preamble and paragraph 1 were adopted.

On paragraph 2, Mr Haagerup and Mr Wawrzik had tabled amendment No 3 seeking to replace this paragraph by a new text.

Mr Irmer spoke.

Amendment No 3 was rejected.

Paragraph 2 was adopted.

On paragraph 3, Mr Wawrzik, Mr Vergeer, Mr Haagerup and Mr John David Taylor had tabled amendment No 1 seeking to replace this paragraph by a new text.

Mr Irmer spoke.

Amendment No 1 was rejected.

Paragraph 3, then paragraphs 4 and 5, were adopted.

On paragraph 6, Mr Wawrzik, Mr Vergeer, Mr Haagerup and Mr John David Taylor had tabled amendment No 2 seeking to replace this paragraph by a new text.

Mr Irmer spoke.

Amendment No 2 was rejected.

Paragraph 6, then paragraph 7, were adopted.

Mr Denis gave an explanation of vote.

Mr Luwuliza-Kirunda raised a point of order.

Mr Pearce and Mr Wawrzik gave explanations of vote.

Mr Kanu spoke.

The Assembly adopted the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

##### on the situation in Southern Africa

*The ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, meeting in Luxembourg from 10 to 12 October 1979,*

— recalling the resolution adopted by the Consultative Assembly on 28 September 1978 in Luxembourg and the resolution of the Joint Committee adopted in Bordeaux on 1 February 1979,

1. Condemns South Africa for its apartheid policy and its present activities in Namibia and Zimbabwe-Rhodesia which are tactics aimed at delaying independence to the people of these two countries and for pursuing other activities which run counter to human rights and fundamental freedoms as laid down in the Charter of the United Nations ;

2. Condemns also certain multinational companies and other undertakings in the EEC which continue, by the manner of their activities, to give active support and encouragement to the apartheid regime in South Africa, and asks that the principles defined and the decisions taken by the United Nations should be respected and particularly that these companies should discontinue their relations with the Government of South Africa ;
3. Repeats its formal condemnation of the various forms of economic and military support afforded by certain European countries to the apartheid regime, in breach of the United Nations' resolutions ;
4. Invites the Council of the European Communities to report as soon as possible on the results obtained as regards the application of the code of conduct for European companies operating in South Africa ;
5. Pays tribute to the courage of the peoples and Governments of Botswana, Lesotho, Tanzania, Swaziland and Zambia and urges that the special measures already taken for their benefit be stepped up and in particular that a special action programme be instituted for them ;
6. Condemns the recent sanguinary acts of aggression carried out against sovereign States, particularly Angola, Mozambique and Zambia ;
7. Hopes that the Conference currently taking place in London on the future of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia will achieve a peaceful and truly independent future for that country and provide protection for all the population groups.

#### ACP sugar (vote)

The next item was the vote on the motion for a resolution tabled by the Joint Committee on ACP sugar (Doc. ACP-EEC 13/79).

Paragraphs 1 and 2 were adopted.

The following spoke : Mr Irmer, Mr Bersani, Mr Delatte, Mr Chasle, who proposed two oral amendments to the motion, Mr Irmer, who proposed adjourning the vote to allow these oral amendments to be translated, printed and distributed, Mr Afolabi, Mr Michel, Mr Turner and Mr Rainford.

The Assembly decided to adjourn the vote until later, and move on to the next item.

#### Proceedings of the Joint Committee (vote)

The next item was the vote on the motion for a general resolution tabled by the Joint Committee on the conclusion of the Joint Committee's proceedings (Doc. ACP-EEC 14/79).

The preamble was adopted.

On paragraph 1, Mr Ntungumburanye had tabled amendment No 5 seeking to replace this paragraph by a new text.

Mr Irmer and Mr Afolabi spoke.

Amendment No 5 was rejected.

The following spoke: Mr Cohen, Mr Denis, Mr Ould Daddah, Mr Afolabi, Mr Barrow, Mr Irmer and Mr Agbahe.

Paragraph 1 was adopted.

Mr Ntungumburanye, Mr Cohen and Mr Ossebi gave explanations of vote.

After paragraph 1, Mr Agbahe had tabled amendment No 4 seeking to insert a new paragraph 1a.

Amendment No 4 was rejected.

The following gave explanations of vote: Mr Denis, Mr Agbahe, Mr Bersani, Mr Coulibaly, Mr Ould Daddah, Mr Afolabe, Mr Fall, Mr Kiti, Mr Michel and Mr Glinne.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 were adopted.

On paragraph 4, Mr Pearce, Mr Turner and Mr John David Taylor had tabled amendment No 3 seeking to replace this paragraph by a new text.

Mr Irmer, Mr Sherlock and Mr Irmer spoke.

Amendment No 3 was rejected.

Paragraph 4 was adopted.

Mr Denis asked for a separate vote to be taken on paragraph 7.

Paragraphs 5 and 6 were adopted.

Paragraph 7 was adopted.

After paragraph 7, the following two amendments, each seeking to add a new paragraph, had been tabled :

- No 1 by Mr Klepsch, Mr Bersani, Mrs Cassanmagnago Cerretti, Mr Wawrzik, Mr Michel, Mr Narducci, Mr Vergeer and Mr Estgen

— No 2 by Mr Cohen on behalf of the Socialist Group.

The following spoke: Mr Irmer, Mr Kasse, Mr Denis, Mr Michel, Mr Cohen, Mr Wawrzik and Mr Luwuliza-Kirunda.

Amendment No 1 was rejected.

Amendment No 2 was rejected.

Mrs Focke and Mr Denis gave explanations of vote.

The Assembly adopted the following resolution :

#### GENERAL RESOLUTION

on the conclusion of the Joint Committee's proceedings

*The ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, meeting in Luxembourg from 10 to 12 October 1979,*

- having heard the statements by the President of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers, the President of the ACP Council of Ministers and the representatives of the Council and Commission of the European Communities,
- having deliberated thereon,
- welcoming the accession to the Convention of Dominica, the Solomon Islands, St Lucia and Tuvalu, and the steps being taken for the accession of the Republic of Kiribati, a development which demonstrates the vitality of the Convention, which remains open, pursuant to the provisions laid down, to other free and independent countries and those that are about to become so,
- stressing the commitment of the peoples and governments of the ACP countries and the Community Member States to forge an evergrowing and stronger link based on equal partnership for mutual benefit,
- recalling its commitment to the establishment as a matter of urgency of a new and more equitable world economic order, and regretting, therefore the delays and disappointing outcome achieved at the Fifth Unctad Conference in Manila,
- paying tribute to the effectiveness of many provisions of the first Convention of Lomé, which, despite some disappointment, formed the basis on which a new Convention could be built,
- taking note that the following problems are still pending before the responsible authorities :
  - how the ACP States are to deal with investments originating in the EEC Member States ;
  - the extension of the field of application of the provisions of Article 18 of the Statute of the EIB ;
  - the list of agricultural products granted free access to the Community markets, particularly rice ;
  - the drawing up of a policy for promoting investments in the less-developed countries and making compensation for the loss of commercial outlets suffered by these countries ;
  - the definition of the criteria for entering countries on the list of landlocked countries ;



1. Stresses the need to overcome the special difficulties at present existing, so that the new Convention can be signed as soon as possible, thus demonstrating the political willingness of the partners to extend and strengthen this initial agreement to the benefit of all the interested parties ;
2. Welcomes the fact that the new draft Convention has taken into consideration certain suggestions made by the Consultative Assembly and its Joint Committee, such as the establishment of an Agricultural Centre, an aid programme to ACP countries producing certain minerals and social measures in favour of ACP workers in the Community, and hopes that these measures will be implemented and will prove effective ;
3. Hopes that the system put into operation for mineral products with a view to countering the decline in production capacities and in the export of these products to the Community will prove more successful, thus meeting the concern voiced by the ACP countries that a system comparable to the Stabex system should be established ;
4. Regrets, however, that the volume of the EDF in the new Convention has hardly been increased in real terms, notes that it is insufficient to meet the substantial needs of the ACP countries and the heavy burden of their debts and appeals, therefore, to the Community Member States to increase for the future the volume of aid granted by them so as to meet these needs;
5. Notes the specific mention made in the new Convention of the work of the Joint Committee and believes that the effectiveness of the Convention's parliamentary bodies must be improved;
6. Welcomes the formal recognition given to consultations which have taken place between the Joint Committee and the social and economic sectors and urges that the joint declaration on the importance of introducing a direct and effective dialogue with the social partners, involving the Council and these groups, be implemented;
7. Hopes finally that the parliaments of the Community Member States will soon proceed to ratify the Convention so that it can enter into force on 1 March 1980, thus avoiding the delays and difficulties entailed by having to apply transitional measures.

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(The sitting was suspended at 12.25 p.m. and resumed at 12.40 p.m.)

**ACP sugar** (continuation of vote)

The oral amendments proposed by Mr Chasle having in the meantime been translated, printed and distributed, the Assembly resumed voting on the motion for a resolution on ACP sugar (Doc. ACP-EEC 13/79).

On paragraph 3, the following two amendments had been tabled, each seeking to replace this paragraph by a new text:

- No 1/rev. by Mr Deleau and others (withdrawn)
- No 4 by Mr Chasle on behalf of the delegation of Mauritius.

Mr Cohen, deputizing for Mr Irmer, spoke.

Amendment No 4 was adopted.

Paragraph 4 was adopted.

On paragraph 5, the following two amendments had been tabled, each seeking to replace this paragraph by a new text:

- No 2/rev. by Mr Deleau and others (withdrawn)
- No 5 by Mr Chasle on behalf of the delegation of Mauritius.

Mr Michel and Mr Cohen spoke.

Amendment No 5 was adopted.

Paragraphs 6 to 9 were adopted.

Mr Kiti gave an explanation of vote.

Mr Afolabi and Mr Kanu raised points of order.

The Assembly adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION****on the sugar of the ACP States**

*The ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, meeting in Luxembourg from 10 to 12 October 1979,*

- Conscious of the great and continuing importance to the economies of the ACP countries concerned of the guaranteed access for their sugar to the EEC market under the terms and conditions set out in the Sugar Protocol annexed to the Lomé Convention,
  - Noting that, apart from certain problems relating to the adoption of *force majeure* decisions and the annual negotiation of the guaranteed price for ACP sugar, the arrangements under the Protocol for supply of ACP sugar to the EEC market have worked satisfactorily,
  - Hoping that the review conducted since May 1979 by the EEC Commission of *force majeure* decisions relating to certain ACP States will, in the light of the additional information already fully supplied by those States, lead to a decision in accordance with the criteria jointly agreed by the ACP States and the Community,
  - Concerned to ensure that the review of the EEC's internal sugar arrangements, due to be implemented in July 1980, will in no way adversely affect the interests of the ACP States,
1. Recalls the need for the EEC to take into consideration in approaching the question of its domestic production of sugar its historical and legally binding commitments to the ACP States and urges the Community to sign the International Sugar Agreement as soon as possible;
  2. Notes with concern pressures to deny ACP sugar provided for under the Protocol its historical commercial place in the markets of the Community;
  3. Welcomes the assurance of the EEC Commission to the ACP sugar supplying States to the effect that the review of the EEC's internal sugar regime would in no way adversely

affect the rights now enjoyed by the ACP States under the Sugar Protocol, and that the ACP sugar supplied under the Protocol is part of the Community trade and not its aid arrangements;

4. Takes note and expresses its appreciation for the spirit displayed by the EEC Commission in its commitment to the ACP sugar supplying States, to consult them fully before submitting its final recommendations on the new internal sugar arrangements;

5. Calls upon the Community to ensure that this review in no way erodes the position of the ACP sugar supplying States from that provided for in the Protocol on sugar.

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#### **Other business**

The following spoke: Mr Afolabi, Mr Kanu, Mr Kasse, Mr Ntungumburanye, Mr Kanu and Mr Akinniranye.

#### **Closure of annual session**

President Muna thanked the members of the Assembly for their participation.

He then declared the annual session of the Consultative Assembly closed.

(The sitting was closed at 1.30 p.m.)

H.-J. OPITZ and François EYOK

*Secretaries-General*

Tandeng MUNA and Simone VEIL

*Presidents*

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