

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Thursday, 20 February 1975:

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

— joint debate on:

- the oral question by the Socialist Group to the Council on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,
- the oral question by the Socialist Group to the Commission on the same subject, and
- the oral question by Mr Cousté to the Commission on the same subject;

- motion for a resolution on the present position as regards the Community energy policy;
- report by Mr Vandewiele on the Commission communication concerning the energy sector;
- statement by Mr Lardinois on the results of the last meeting of the Council of Ministers of Agriculture;
- report by Mr Liogier on the allocation of EAGGF appropriations;
- oral question with debate on a sheep meat Regulation;
- report by Mr Cipolla on the common organization of the market in rice;
- report by Mr Sandri on the eleventh annual meeting of the parliamentary conference of the EEC/AASM Association.

The sitting was closed at 12.45 a.m.

H. R. NORD

Secretary-General

Cornelis BERKHOUWER

President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. BERKHOUWER

President

The sitting was opened at 10.15 a.m.

Approval of minutes

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

Oral questions with debate: UN vote on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

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

Mr Glinne spoke on the oral question with debate put by himself and Mr Dondelinger, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Broeksz, Mr Seefeld and Mr Leenhardt on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Council of the European

Communities on the deplorable failure of the Community to adopt a common position at the UN vote on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (Doc. 443/74) and on the oral question with debate put by the same authors on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Commission of the European Communities on the same subject (Doc. 444/74).

The oral question with debate put by Mr Cousté on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Commission of the European Communities on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (Doc. 476/74) was also dealt with during this debate.

Mr Fitzgerald, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities*, answered the question put to the Council, and Sir Christopher Soames, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*, the two questions put to the Commission.

The following spoke: Lord Reay on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Glinne.

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

Change in agenda

Since the member of the Commission of the European Communities responsible for energy policy was not yet present, Parliament decided to deal with Mr Vandewiele's report before considering the motion for a resolution on the present situation with regard to energy policy.

Commission communication: 'Energy for Europe: Research and Development'

Mr Marcel Vandewiele introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 314/74): 'Energy for Europe: Research and Development' (Doc. 447/74).

The following spoke: Mr Leonardi on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Brunner, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, Mr Hougardy on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Flämig on behalf of the Socialist Group and Mr Brunner.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council entitled: 'Energy for Europe: Research and Development'

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (SEC(74) 2592 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 314/74),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 447/74),
 - recalling its earlier resolutions on the safeguarding of energy supplies and the promotion of Community research, particularly:
 - on the progress necessary in Community research, embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a scientific and technological policy programme⁽¹⁾,
 - the Opinion of the European Parliament on the communication and proposals from the Commission to the Council concerning a new energy policy strategy for the European Community⁽²⁾,
1. Takes the view that the problem of overcoming the energy shortage cannot be solved by 1985 partly because insufficient progress will have been made on the envisaged nuclear generating capacity and desires that account be taken of this in an energy research and development policy;
 2. Believes also that research and development, as part of the proposed general energy strategy, should not be regarded as final and unalterable but should be constantly developed in the light of changing circumstances and newly acquired knowledge;
 3. Approves the Commission's communication provided that the planned activities are arranged by the Commission in an order of priority corresponding to their respective importance in guaranteeing the Community's energy supply; in this connection research on the exploitation of fossil fuels should be given first priority;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 108, 10. 12. 1973, p. 58.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 93, 7. 8. 1974, p. 79.

4. Urges the Commission to fix objective criteria for determining the priority to be given to the various sectors;
5. Also urges the Commission to contribute, by supplying relevant information on the safety of nuclear power stations, to the creation of a climate of confidence to counter in a positive manner certain unfavourable reactions;
6. Finally urges the Commission in connection with practices of energy research and development to arouse and strengthen public consciousness of the need to save energy;
7. Urges the Council to see that the Member States submit to Community coordination all their research activities in the energy field;
8. Believes it essential to use existing Community structures for the organization, administration and development of the activities referred to above;
9. Requests the Council to make any organization created for this purpose responsible to the Commission in the same way as the Joint Research Centre under the Treaties; third countries, however desirable their participation might be, should only be allowed to take part if they recognize this legal situation;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Present situation with regard to Community energy policy

Mr Springorum spoke on the motion for a resolution which he had tabled on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology on the present situation with regard to Community energy policy (Doc. 488/74).

IN THE CHAIR: MR C. McDONALD

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Noè on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Flämig on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Hougardy on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Normanton on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Leonardi on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group and Mr Simonet, *Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities*.

Parliament then proceeded to vote on the motion for a resolution.

The preamble and paragraphs 1 to 3 were adopted.

On paragraph 4, Mr Andreotti had tabled on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group Amendment No 1, which Mr Noè now moved.

Mr Springorum spoke.

Amendment No 1 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 4, accordingly modified.

On paragraph 5, the following three amendments had been tabled:

- Amendment No 2 by Mr Andreotti on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group,
- Amendment No 3 by Lord Bessborough, Mr Jakobsen and Mr Normanton on behalf of the European Conservative Group, and
- Amendment No 4 by Mr Schmidt on behalf of the Socialist Group; this last amendment proposed the deletion of paragraph 5.

Mr Schmidt moved Amendment No 4, Lord Bessborough Amendment No 3 and Mr Noè Amendment No 2.

Mr Springorum spoke.

Amendment No 2 was adopted.

Mr Romualdi gave an explanation of vote.

Parliament adopted paragraph 5, accordingly modified, and then paragraphs 6 and 7.

Amendment No 4 was rejected.

Amendment No 3 was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

on the present situation with regard to Community energy policy

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the results of the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of 20 and 21 January 1975 in the matter of energy policy,

1. Expresses its dismay at the results of this meeting of the Council;
2. Has been stressing for years that a Community energy policy is vital to the attainment of the objectives of the Treaty; since the beginning of the world energy crisis this policy has become a cornerstone of every other Community policy;
3. Has welcomed the Commission's determined efforts in the past to promote a common energy policy and has regretted on each occasion the Council's rejection or dilution of this policy;
4. Observes with deep concern that the governments of certain Member States appear to have lost the will to achieve a common energy policy, thus weakening considerably their own advocacy of European union;
5. Considers that, unless the Council acts on the decisions taken on energy policy by the conferences of Heads of State or Government held in Copenhagen on 14 and 15 December 1973 and in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974, or on those taken in the meantime within the framework of subsequent international initiatives, the Parliament may feel obliged to suspend its cooperation in the field of energy policy within the framework of the consultation procedure;
6. Declares before the peoples of the Member States, from whom its mandate derives, that the governments of certain Member States and the Council are unwilling to do what is essential to guarantee the future of the Community and that of the Member States;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States.

The sitting was suspended at 1.15 p.m. and resumed at 3.05 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MR L. MARTENS

Vice-President

Presentation and reference to committee of a motion for a resolution

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution, tabled by Mrs Goutmann and Mr Marras on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, on the updating of the Social Action Programme (Doc. 506/74).

The motion for a resolution had been referred to the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment as the Committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its Opinion.

Statement on the results of the last meeting of the Council of Ministers of Agriculture

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, delivered a statement on the

results of the last meeting of the Council of Ministers of Agriculture of the Community.

The following spoke: Mr Houdet, *Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture*, Mr Frehsee, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Brugger, Mr Howell, Mr Früh, Mr Hunault, Mr Liogier, Mr Della Briotta and Mr Cipolla.

Mr Lardinois answered the questions put by the various speakers.

Regulation on allocation for 1974 of EAGGF, Guidance Section appropriations and on certain final dates for 1974 and 1975

Mr Albert Liogier introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 317/74) for a Regulation on the allocation for 1974 of appropriations from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund an certain final dates for the years 1974 and 1975 (Doc. 373/74/rev.).

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, spoke.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the allocation for 1974 of appropriations from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and certain final dates for the years 1974 and 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 317/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 373/74/rev.),

1. Approves in principle the Commission's proposal;
2. Regrets once more the delays that have held up the decisions to be taken by the Commission of the European Communities on the requests for aid under the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and deplores the harm thus caused to agriculture in the Community;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 134, 31. 10. 1974, p. 25.

Oral question with debate: A sheep meat Regulation

Mr Scott-Hopkins spoke on the oral question with debate which he had put to the Commission of the European Communities on behalf of the European Conservative Group on a sheep meat Regulation (Doc. 446/74).

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

Mr Kavanagh spoke on behalf of the Socialist Group and Mr Hunault on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Regulation on the common organization of the market in rice

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the

proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 390/74) for a Regulation amending Regulation No 359/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in rice (Doc. 493/74).

Mr Cipolla, *Rapporteur*, spoke.

Mr Houdet, *Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture*, observed that Mr Cipolla had merely stated his personal opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the Commission of the European Communities. He announced that the Committee on Agriculture had approved the Commission's proposal by 12 votes, with two abstentions.

The following spoke: Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*, and Mr Cipolla.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation No 359/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in rice

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43(2) of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 390/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 493/74),
- considering that since the beginning of 1973 world market prices of certain cereals, and particularly rice, had registered a strong upward trend, leading to the introduction of the 'shortage system' in the Community and the collection of export levies under the open tender system,
- considering that subsequently the trend was partially reversed, to the point where recently world market prices have been lower than Community threshold prices, with the consequent re-introduction of export refunds for certain varieties of rice,
- considering that with the present proposal the Commission intends to alter significantly the basic regulations, as in the case of cereals, the proposal for which was debated by Parliament as a matter of urgency,
- considering that, in the case of cereals, a Council Regulation not requiring consultation of the European Parliament completed the export arrangements, laying down in particular that refunds may be fixed by open ten-

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 158, 17. 12. 1974, p. 16.

der, and that it is intended to apply the same procedure and make similar changes in the case of rice, so that in the present market conditions refunds will no longer be awarded automatically,

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Is of the opinion, however, that the whole question of trade arrangements with third countries should be reviewed and made uniform and consistent with the interests of consumers and producers, thus putting small- and large-scale exporters in the Community on an effectively equal footing;
3. Accordingly invites the Commission to submit the relevant data to enable the European Parliament to make an overall assessment of the new mechanisms intended to regulate the entire cereal market in a manner appropriate to the new situation;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Eleventh annual meeting of the parliamentary conference of the EEC/AASM Association

Mr Deschamps, deputizing for Mr Renato Sandri, introduced the report drawn up by the latter on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation on the results of the eleventh annual meeting of the parliamentary conference of the EEC/AASM Association (Abidjan, 27 to 29 January 1975) — (Doc. 498/74).

The following spoke: Mr Seefeld on behalf of the Socialist Group, Lord Reay on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Deschamps on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group and Mr Brunner, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the results of the eleventh annual meeting of the parliamentary conference of the EEC/AASM Association (Abidjan, 27 to 29 January 1975)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolutions of 20 January 1965⁽¹⁾, 11 March 1966⁽²⁾, 15 March 1967⁽³⁾, 22 January 1968⁽⁴⁾, 4 March 1969⁽⁵⁾, 12 March 1970⁽⁶⁾, 17 May 1971⁽⁷⁾, 17 March 1972⁽⁸⁾, 6 June 1973⁽⁹⁾ and 15 March 1974⁽¹⁰⁾,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 498/74),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 20, 6. 2. 1965, p. 281/65.

⁽²⁾ OJ No 53, 24. 3. 1966, p. 778/66.

⁽³⁾ OJ No 63, 3. 4. 1967, p. 975/67.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 10, 14. 2. 1968, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No C 41, 1. 4. 1969, p. 5.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No C 40, 3. 4. 1970, p. 43.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No C 35, 3. 6. 1971, p. 5.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No C 36, 12. 4. 1972, p. 42.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No C 49, 28. 6. 1973, p. 25.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 62.

1. Endorses the conclusions reached by the parliamentary conference of the EEC/AASM Association and set out in the resolutions adopted by it on 29 January 1975 and in its declaration and recommendation adopted on the same day;
2. Considers that the tenth annual report on the activities of the Association Council clearly demonstrates that the work of the EEC/AASM Association has led to a genuine strengthening of commercial, financial and technical cooperation between the partners, in accordance with the objectives of the second Yaoundé convention;
3. Notes with satisfaction that, following the solemn appeal made to them by the Abidjan parliamentary conference, the negotiators of the EEC and the ACP, thanks to a sincere political will to reach an agreement equitable to all, successfully concluded their negotiations;
4. Points out that, in an international context at present characterized by confrontation, the EEC is proposing to its future African, Caribbean and Pacific partners a wide-ranging form of cooperation, based notably on the right to and the assurance of fairer prices for primary commodities;
5. Considers that the joint institutions of the existing association and notably the parliamentary conference and its Joint Committee have exemplified the passing of the age of colonialism, and hopes that these institutions will remain a token of fruitful cooperation conducted in a spirit of solidarity and equality between all the partners;
6. Hopes that the industrial cooperation provided for in the new convention will be carried out jointly with the representatives of the various socio-professional groups of the EEC and ACP, and will thus lead to a better international division of labour agreed upon freely by all concerned;
7. Expresses its pleasure at the excellent atmosphere which prevailed at the conference, and which resulted in frank and constructive discussions in the presence of observers from the associable States, who were able to see for themselves the open way in which all problems concerning relations between the industrialized and developing countries were tackled;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the Presidents of the Parliaments of the Associated African States, Madagascar and Mauritius and to the members of the parliamentary conference of the association.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Friday, 21 February 1975:

9.30 a.m. to 12 noon:

- report by Mr Howell on the common organization of the markets in eggs and in poultrymeat;
- report by Mr Laban on the common organization of the market in pigmeat;
- report by Mr Notenboom on tax exemption for small consignments of goods from third countries;
- interim report by Lord Mansfield on the protection of the individual's rights with regard to automatic data processing;

- report by Mr Walkhoff on certain dangerous substances and preparations;
- report by Mr Jahn on the campaign to save the migratory birds;
- report by Mr Seefeld on the supply of sugar to UNRWA as food aid;
- report by Mr Seefeld on food aid for Somalia.

The sitting was closed at 6.15 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Frankie HANSEN
Vice-President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 1975

IN THE CHAIR: MR F. HANSEN
Vice-President

This document had been referred to the Committee on Public Health and the Environment.

The sitting opened at 9.35 a.m.

Regulation on the common organization of the market in eggs — Regulation on the common organization of the market in poultrymeat

Approval of minutes

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

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Mr Ralph Howell on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 372/74) for:

Mr Jahn spoke on a question of procedure.

I. a Regulation on the common organization of the market in eggs

II. a Regulation on the common organization of the market in poultrymeat

(Doc. 468/74).

Document received

The President announced that he had received from the Council of the European Communities a request for an Opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive relating to pollution of sea water and fresh water for bathing (quality objectives) — (Doc. 507/74).

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:

- I. a Regulation on the common organization of the market in eggs
- II. a Regulation on the common organization of the market in poultrymeat

The European Parliament,

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 156, 10. 12. 1974, pp. 31 and 38.