

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING
OF WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 1975

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 a report by Mrs Caretoni Romagnoli, on behalf of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 224/75) for a Directive on the education of the children of migrant workers (Doc. 375/75).

Authorization of reports

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

- Legal Affairs Committee:
a report on the working procedure of the Committees on Implementing Provisions;
The Committee on Public Health and the Environment was asked for its Opinion.
- Committee on Budgets:
a report on general modifications to the Financial Regulation of the Communities.

Question Time

Parliament considered next the following questions put to the Council and Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 360/75).

Questions to the Council of the European Communities

Question No 1 by Mr Bordu: Law restricting access to employment in the German Federal Republic

Mr Battaglia, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Bordu and Mr Ellis.

Question No 2 by Mr Leonardi: Reorganization of the Leyland-Innocenti multinational

Mr Battaglia, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Leonardi, Mr Dalyell and Mr Normanton.

Question No 3 by Mr Dykes: European union

Mr Battaglia, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Dykes, Mr Cousté, Mr Radoux, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Lord Gladwyn, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Schmidt.

Questions to the Commission of the European Communities**Question No 4 by Mr Leenhardt: Inclusion of the Swiss franc in the 'snake' system**

Mr Ortoli, *President of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr de la Malène, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams and Mr Cousté.

On a proposal from its President, Parliament decided to consider Question No 5 later during Question Time.

Question No 6 by Hamilton: Alleviation of youth unemployment in the UK**Question No 7 by Mr Härzschel: Unemployment among young people in the Community countries**

Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered the two questions and supplementary questions put by Mr Hamilton, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Mr Ellis, Mr Howell, Mr Burgbacher, Mr Osborn, Mr Noè, Mr Härzschel, Lord Bruce, Mr Albers, Mr Laban, Mr Della Briotta, Mr Bordu and Mr Giraud.

Question No 8 by Mr Dalyell: European data bank computer industry

Mr Spinelli, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Dalyell, Mr Cousté, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr Noè and Lord Bessborough.

Question No 9 by Mr Scott-Hopkins: Trade with Malaysia

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

Mr Hughes spoke on a question of procedure.

Question No 10 by Lord Gladwyn: Woollen manufacturing industry

Mr Spinelli, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Lord Gladwyn and Mr Normanton.

Question No 11 by Mr Cointat: Milk powder stocks in the Community

Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Cointat, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Frehsee, Mr Broeksz, Lord Walston, Mr Martens and Mr Howell.

Question No 5 by Mr Terrenoire: Setting up a European high-speed railway network

Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Terrenoire, Mr Osborn and Mr Normanton.

Question No 12 by Mr Noè: Nuclear fuel reprocessing

Mr Spinelli, *Member of the Commission*, answered the question and supplementary questions put by Mr Noè, Mr Hamilton, Mr Springorum, Mr Dalyell, Mr Osborn, Lord Bessborough, Mr Giraud and Mr Evans.

The President declared Question Time closed.

He announced that, with the exception of Question No 14 by Mr Dondelinger, which had been withdrawn by its author, written answers would be given to those questions with which it had not been possible to deal unless their authors wished to receive an oral answer during the next Question Time.

Mr Spicer spoke on a question of procedure.

Change in the agenda

On a proposal from the President, Parliament decided to hold a joint debate on the next two items on the agenda, namely the reports by Mr Corterier (Doc. 351/75) and Mr Terrenoire (Doc. 337/75).

Recommendations of the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee adopted on 27 June 1975 — Additional Protocol to the EEC-Greece Association Agreement

Mr Corterier introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Associations Committee, on the

recommendations of the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee adopted in Athens on 27 June 1975 (Doc. 180/75) — (Doc. 351/75).

IN THE CHAIR: LORD BESSBOROUGH

Vice-President

Mr Terrenoire introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Associations Committee, on the Additional Protocol to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the accession of new Member States to the Community (Doc. 87/75) — (Doc. 337/75).

The following spoke: Mr Scott-Hopkins, *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Political Affairs Committee*, Mr Giraud, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Boano, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr De Clercq, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Rivierez, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Lord Bethell, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr D'Angelosante, on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Premoli, Mr Dykes, Mr Corrie, Mr Gundelach, *Member of the Commission*, and Mr Corterier, *Rapporteur*.

Parliament next considered the motion for a resolution contained in Mr Corterier's report (Doc. 351/75) and first adopted the preamble and paragraphs 1 to 6.

On paragraph 7 Lord Bethell and Mr Corrie had tabled, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, amendment No 2 which Lord Bethell moved.

Mr Corterier spoke.

Amendment No 2 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 7, accordingly modified.

Mr Durieux and Mr Premoli had tabled amendment No 1, proposing the insertion of a new paragraph after paragraph 7.

Mr Corterier spoke.

Amendment No 1 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 8 to 17.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the recommendations of the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee adopted in Athens on 27 June 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the recommendations adopted by the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee at its ninth meeting held from 25 to 27 June 1975 in Athens (Doc. 180/75),
- having regard to the report by the Associations Committee and the Opinion of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 351/75),

1. Approves the principles of the recommendations adopted on 27 June 1975 by the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee;
2. Expresses its respect and its gratitude to all those who fought and suffered for the restoration of democracy and fundamental civil liberties in Greece;
3. Welcomes the desire expressed by all the Greek political forces to participate and cooperate in seeking, as quickly as possible, political and economic solutions which will enable Greece to move from associate to full membership of the European Communities;
4. Approves the resquest made by the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, to the Greek Government and to the Governments of the Member States of the Community to speed up all the procedures laid down for considering the application for membership; considers it essential for an open and full discussion to be held on the economic and financial problems arising for both Greece and the Community as a result of Greece's application for membership; requests its appropriate committees to carefully follow progress in this sector;
5. Considers that with a view to the future accession of Greece to the European Communities existing relations between the two sides should be consolidated, and believes that the institutions of the association should intensify their activities to take account of the new prospects and requirements;
6. Believes, in view of the new political situation and the new outlook for the development of relations between the two sides, that permanent arrangements for closer and fuller political consultation should be established between Greece and the Community;
7. Expresses its concern at the lack of progress on the Cyprus question during the negotiations last September and in particular that no solution has been found to the problem of the island's refugees, and reiterates its support for the statement by the conference of foreign ministers of the Member States of the Community adopted at its meeting on 13 February 1975;
8. Asks the Council and Commission of the Communities to intensify their efforts to find a negotiated solution to these problems on the basis of the United Nations resolution No 3212 of 1 November 1974 and respecting the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus, an Associated State of the Community in the same way as Greece and Turkey;

9. Emphasizes the remarkable increase in trade between the two sides since the entry into force of the Association Agreement and draws attention to the deficit in Greece's balance of trade with the EEC; notes with satisfaction, however, that the deficit is diminishing;
 10. Emphasizes the need for a major effort to modernize Greek agriculture so that it can be integrated into the Community agricultural market;
 11. Considers it advisable for the present trend towards diversification of Greek exports to continue;
 12. Hopes that the Additional Protocol signed on 28 April 1975 will be speedily ratified and put into effect as soon as possible;
 13. Welcomes the entry into force on 1 July 1975 of the Interim Agreement designed to permit the early application of the trade provisions of the Additional Protocol;
 14. Welcomes the results achieved at the meeting of the Association Council on 28 July 1975 in Athens as regards harmonization of the agricultural policies and hopes that the next consultations between Greece and the EEC will lead to concrete results that will facilitate the solution of the problems posed by Greece's application for membership;
 15. Notes with satisfaction the progress made in trade between the two sides and the progress achieved towards the gradual abolition of customs duties in the sectors laid down in the Association Agreement; in fact, since 1 November 1974, the abolition of tariffs has created a customs union for two-thirds of all such trade;
 16. Welcomes the efforts to rapidly utilize the balance of the first Financial Protocol and hopes that a new protocol can be implemented as soon as possible; notes with interest the Greek proposals to the EEC on the utilization of financial aid of this kind;
 17. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to keep it informed of problems relating to the emigration of Greek workers to the Member States of the Community;
 18. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, to the Greek Parliament, to the Parliaments of the Member States of the Community and to the Greek Government.
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Parliament then adopted the following resolution contained in the Terrenoire report (Doc. 337/75):

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the Additional Protocol to the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the accession of new Member States to the Community

The European Parliament,

- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 238 of the EEC Treaty on the final text of the Additional Protocol to the EEC-Greece Association Agreement signed in Brussels on 28 April 1975 (Doc. 87/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Associations Committee and the Opinion of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 337/75),
1. Considers that the Association Agreement should be extended to the three new Member States as soon as possible;

2. Notes with satisfaction that the Interim Agreement, designed to ensure advance application of the provisions on trade in the Additional Protocol extending the association to the three new Member States of the Community, came into force on 1 July 1975;
3. Hopes that the new Additional Protocol, signed on 28 April 1975, will be ratified and implemented without delay;
4. Stresses the need to extend the Association Agreement to the three new Member States in its entirety, since Greece's recent request for membership suggests that association relations are developing satisfactorily, and could open the way for full Greek membership of the EEC.

Change in the agenda

At the Council's request Parliament decided to reverse the order in which it intended to take oral questions Doc. 348/75 and Doc. 345/75 concerning protectionist measures in the United States and mass dismissals in two multinational undertakings.

The sitting was suspended at 1.30 p.m. and resumed at 3 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr L. MARTENS

Vice-President

Oral questions with debate : Joint action in the field of air traffic safety

The next item on the agenda was the joint debate on two oral questions on air traffic safety.

Mr Noè moved the oral question with debate put by the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport to the Council of the European Communities on joint action in the field of air traffic safety (Doc. 347/75) and the oral question with debate put by

the same committee to the Commission of the European Communities on the same subject, (Doc. 346/75).

Mr Battaglia, *President-in-Office of the Council*, and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered the questions.

The following spoke: Mr Seefeld, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Scholten, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Krall, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Nyborg, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Osborn, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, Mr Battaglia, Mr Noè and Mr Seefeld.

The President announced that he had received from Mr Noè, Mr Nyborg, Mr Osborn, Mr Schwabe and Mr Seefeld 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 questions (Doc. 346/75) and (Doc. 347/75) — (Doc. 374/75).

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

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on joint action in the field of air traffic safety

The European Parliament,

- recalling the importance which it has always attached to the continued development of the common transport policy, including the air transport policy,
- having regard to the growing density of air traffic in European airspace, the ever-increasing speed of civil and military aircraft, and the resulting problems as regards aviation safety,

- stressing the need for intensive cooperation in view of the restricted airspace available to the countries of Western Europe,
 - having regard to the fact that the agreement establishing the European Organization for Safety in Air Navigation (Eurocontrol) is valid for 20 years, i.e. until the end of 1983,
 - having regard to the fact that the Permanent Commission of the Eurocontrol Organization is at present studying the possibility of a new agreement which could be applied after 1983,
 - having regard to the results obtained during 12 years of cooperation between the seven Member States of the organization,
 - considering that the services and control centres created by the Eurocontrol Organization should constitute an essential part of a future European air transport policy within the original meaning of the convention of 13 December 1960,
 - considering that improved air safety can provide useful stimuli to promote the European aeronautical and electronics industries,
 - aware of the possibility that the Permanent Commission of the Eurocontrol Organization could adopt at the end of November 1975 decisions of far-reaching importance for the future of the organization,
1. Requests the Commission to submit to the Council without delay a proposal for joint action in the field of air traffic safety with a view to bringing the entire aerospace under the control of a single body;
 2. Refers to its resolution of 13 May 1975 on the future role of Eurocontrol;
 3. Asks that the organizations concerned such as IATA (International Air Transport Association) and IFALPA (International Federation of Air Line Pilots Association) be consulted whenever an important decision is to be taken;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and for information to the Permanent Commission of the Eurocontrol organization.

Oral question with debate: Consumer protection

Miss Boothroyd spoke on the oral question with debate which she had put, together with Mrs Orth and Mr Fellermaier, on behalf of the Socialist Group, to the Council of the European Communities on the policy in the field of consumer protection (Doc. 344/75).

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

The following spoke: Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission*, Mr Frehsee on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Früh on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mrs Kruchow on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, and Mr Laudrin on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr M. YEATS

Vice-President

Mr Normanton spoke on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Oral question with debate: Mass dismissals in two multinational undertakings

Mr Albers spoke on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment on the oral question with debate put to the Council of the European Communities on mass dismissals at two multinational undertakings (Doc. 345/75).

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

The following spoke: Mr van der Gun, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Gibbons on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Marras on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Battaglia, Mr Normanton on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Ellis, Mr Albers on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, and Mr Battaglia.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Oral question with debate: United States protectionist measures

Mr Kaspereit spoke on the oral question with debate which Mr Cousté had put on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Commission of the European Communities on protectionist measures taken or planned by the United States (Doc. 348/75).

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

The following spoke: Lord Castle on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Scholten on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Guldborg on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Spicer on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Leonardi on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group and Mr Gundelach.

The President declared the debate on the oral question closed.

Change in agenda

On a proposal from its President, Parliament decided, in accordance with the decision taken during the sitting of Monday, 10 November 1975, to suspend its work that evening at 7.15 p.m., and to defer consideration of the report by Mr Dondelinger on the extension of trade union rights (Doc. 354/75) to the sitting of Thursday, 13 November 1975,

when it would be dealt with after the vote on the draft general budget of the Communities.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Thursday, 13 November 1975:

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

- vote on the motion for a resolution contained in the Aigner report on the draft amending and supplementary budget No 3 of the Communities for 1975;
- vote on the motion for a resolution contained in the Flesch report on Parliament's estimates for 1976;
- vote on the motion for a resolution contained in the Flesch report on Sections II and IV of the draft general budget of the Communities for 1976;
- vote on the draft general budget of the Communities for 1976 and on the motion for a resolution contained in the Cointat report;
- Dondelinger report on the extension of trade union rights;
- Artzinger report on the annual report on the economic situation in the Community;
- Schwabe report on a system of bracket tariffs for the carriage of goods (without debate);
- Giraud report on the Community quota for the carriage of goods;
- Carettoni Romagnoli report on the education of migrant children;
- Mitterdorfer report on Community transit;
- Mitterdorfer report on the elimination of technical barriers to trade;
- Pintat report on investment projects of interest to the Community.

The sitting was closed at 7.15 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Georges SPÉNALE
President