

IV. The Rome summit conference

On the occasion of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Treaties establishing the EEC and EAEC, a summit meeting was held in Rome, at the close of which the following communiqué was issued:

1) On 29 and 30 May, at the invitation of the President of the Italian Council of Ministers, M. Aldo Moro, the following met in Rome: the President of the French Republic, General de Gaulle, with the French Prime Minister, Georges Pompidou, the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Van den Boeynants, the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, M. Kurt Kiesinger, the Luxembourg Prime Minister, M. Pierre Werner, and the Netherlands Prime Minister, M. Piet de Jong, accompanied by their respective Ministers for Foreign Affairs, M. Fanfani, M. Couve de Murville, M. Harmel, M. Brandt, M. Grégoire, M. Luns, and the Belgian Minister for European Affairs, M. van Elkslande.

On 29 May the Heads of State or Government of the six EEC member countries attended the celebration at the Capitol of the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Treaties of Rome establishing the European Economic Community and Euratom, with M. Giuseppe Saragat, President of the Italian Republic, in the Chair.

The ceremony was also attended by representatives of the institutions and organs of the European Communities and by representatives of the associated countries and signatories to the Treaties of Rome.

The celebration of this historical event constituted a further solemn affirmation of the solidarity of the member countries and their determination to continue along the path indicated by the Treaties of Rome.

2) On 30 May the Heads of State or Government and their Ministers had an exchange of views, in the light of an introductory report by M. Moro, on the development of the Communities. They agreed that the results achieved so far constituted an unprecedented success for the new spirit of co-operation which has arisen among the member countries and enabled them to reconcile their interests for the sake of the higher common interest.

With the backing of the Parliaments and public opinion in their respective countries, the Heads of State or Government reiterated the undertaking to make the necessary efforts to attain the objectives set out in the Treaties of Rome.

3) The Heads of State or Government expressed their intention of implementing, as from 1 July 1967, the Treaty of 8 April 1965 merging the Institutions of the three Communities.

They stressed the importance of such a decision, in particular as a step towards the merger of the three Treaties.

4) The Heads of State or Government then discussed the applications for membership made by the United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark and agreed that the matter should be examined by the Council of Ministers of the Communities as required by the Treaties.

5) The States taking part in the Conference agreed to study the possibilities of gradually tightening their political links by the methods and procedures suggested by experience and circumstances. The Foreign Ministers were asked to examine this matter further.

6) The Heads of State or Government agreed to meet again, probably this year.

7) The Heads of State or Government also agreed that there should be further study of the project, already examined at the Bonn Conference of 18 July, for a European university in Florence.

At its session of 19-23 June the European Parliament held a debate on the Summit Conference and adopted the following resolution:

Resolution of the European Parliament on the results of the Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Community member countries, held in Rome on 29 and 30 May 1967.

The European Parliament,

having taken note of the communiqué issued at the close of the Conference of Heads of State or Government in Rome on 29 and 30 May 1967;

1. *Expresses* its satisfaction at the results achieved, particularly:

i) The decision finally to implement the Treaty of 8 April 1965 merging the Community Executives;

ii) The decision to initiate the procedure established by the Treaties to examine the applications for membership from the United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark;

iii) The determination to strengthen, even though only gradually, the political links already existing between the member countries of the Communities;

iv) The declaration of the intention to have the study of the project for a European university in Florence resumed.

2. *Urges* that the progress aimed at in the political and economic integration of the Communities be achieved in conformity with the procedures and institutional responsibilities established by the Treaties of Paris and Rome;

3. *Recalls* that the construction of European unity cannot be achieved without the active participation of the peoples and without the help of their representatives and that, therefore, recognition of the functions and role that the European Parliament must be in a position to assume in the Community becomes increasingly necessary;

4. *Hopes* that meetings of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs can be held regularly, so that common positions may be sought and effective action taken on the more specifically political plane, in particular in the field of international politics;

5. *Expects* Heads of State or Government, in the course of the next Conference already announced, to take further practical steps to reinforce and further develop the democratic structure of the Community;

6. *Hopes* that the negotiations regarding the membership of the United Kingdom and of other democratic European countries will be undertaken energetically and with the will to succeed as soon as possible;

7. *Instructs* its President to transmit this resolution to the Governments of the Member States, to the EEC and EAEC Councils of Ministers and Commissions, and to the special Council of Ministers and the High Authority of the ECSC.