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drawn up on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee

on the results of the Conference of Heads of Government held in Paris on 9 and
10 December 1974

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On 12 December 1974 the Bureau of the European Parliament instructed the Political Affairs Committee to draw up a report on the results of the Conference of Heads of Government held in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974.

On 19 December 1974 the Political Affairs Committee appointed Mr Radoux rapporteur. The committee considered the draft report at its meetings of 19 and 20 December 1974 and 8 and 9 January 1975. At the second of these meetings the motion for a resolution was adopted unanimously with three abstentions.

Present: Lord Gladwyn, vice-chairman and acting chairman; Mr Radoux, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Mr Achenbach, Mr Behrendt, Mr Berthoin, Mr Alfred Bertrand, Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Corterier, Sir Arthur Douglas Dodds-Parker, Mr Faure, Mr Kirk, Mr Lücker, Mr McDonald, Mr Patijn and Mr Scott-Hopkins

The rapporteur will give an oral explanatory statement.

The communiqué of the Conference of Heads of Government is attached.

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The Political Affairs Committee hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the results of the Conference of Heads of Government held in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974

The European Parliament,

- having taken note of the communiqué published at the end of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Member States on 9 and 10 December 1974 and of the statements made at its sitting of 11 December 1974 by Mr FitzGerald, Foreign Minister of Ireland, on behalf of the President of the Council, and by Mr Ortoli, President of the Commission of the European Communities;
- 1. Believes that the Conference's decisions could constitute an initial step towards the relaunching of Community activities leading to a strengthening of the support of the peoples of Europe and imparting a decisive impetus to the process of European unification;
- 2. Confirms its undertaking to present within the time-limit laid down, that is before 30 June 1975, its report on European Union, and expects the Council to give immediate consideration to the convention for the election of members of Parliament by direct universal suffrage;
- 3. Reaffirms the pressing need for all the institutions to take appropriate measures in all fields to put into effect the various decisions aiming at progress towards European Union and the strengthening of popular backing for the Community;
- 4. Hopes therefore that the Commission, in presenting its annual programme in February, will submit practical proposals accompanied with specific time-limits;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

COMMUNIQUE

of the Conference of the Heads of Government
of the Member States of the European
Community in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974

1. The Heads of Government of the nine States of the Community, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the President of the Commission, meeting in Paris at the invitation of the French President, examined the various problems confronting Europe. They took note of the reports drawn up by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and recorded the agreement reached by these Ministers on various points raised in the reports.
2. Recognizing the need for an overall approach to the internal problems involved in achieving European unity and the external problems facing Europe, the Heads of Government consider it essential to ensure progress and overall consistency in the activities of the Communities and in the work on political co-operation.
3. The Heads of Government have therefore decided to meet, accompanied by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, three times a year and, whenever necessary, in the Council of the Communities and in the context of political co-operation.

The administrative Secrétariat will be provided for in an appropriate manner with due regard for existing practices and procedures.

