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

European Centre, Kirchberg — Luxembourg

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE 1977

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Philippe YACÉ

President of the National Assembly of the Republic of the Ivory Coast

The sitting was opened at 9.05 a.m.

Opening of the second meeting of the Assembly

President Yacé declared the second meeting of the Assembly open.

Membership of the Assembly

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

The list of Members of the Assembly is appended to the minutes (Annex I).

President Yacé said that the representatives of the Cape Verde Islands, Papua New Guinea and Sao Tomé and Príncipe were attending as observers (Annex II).

Election of the Bureau

Pursuant to Article 6 (1) of the Rules of Procedure the Assembly elected its Bureau, which would consist of the following 12 Members:

Presidents:

Mr Yacé and Mr Colombo

Vice-Presidents:

Mr	Muna	Mr	Spénale
Mrs	Mathé	Miss	Flesch
Mr	Adriko	Mr	de la Malène
Mr	Wijntuin	Lord	Reay
Mr	Philipps	Mr	Sandri

Agenda

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

Wednesday, 8 June 1977

10.30 a.m.

— Formal opening sitting.

11.45 a.m.:

- statement by the Chairman of the Joint Committee on the action taken on the resolution adopted by the Consultative Assembly on 2 June 1976;
- presentation and consideration of the report by Lord Reay on the Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers.

3.30 p.m.:

- continuation of the debate on the report by Lord Reay on the Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers.

Thursday, 9 June 1977

9.30 a.m.:

- continuation of the debate on the report by Lord Reay on the Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers.

Friday, 10 June 1977

10.00 a.m.:

- continuation and conclusion of the debate on the report by Lord Reay on the Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers;
- vote on the motion for a resolution contained in Lord Reay's report;
- any other business.

The sitting was suspended at 9.15 a.m. and resumed at 10.30 a.m. (formal sitting).

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO
President

Mr Philippe YACÉ
President

On behalf of the Assembly President Colombo welcomed all the dignitaries present.

The following spoke during the formal sitting: Mr Hamilius, *Minister of Agriculture and Viticulture and Minister of Construction*, representing Mr Thorn, *Prime Minister of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg*, Mr Yacé, *President of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly*, Mr Colombo, *President of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly*, Mr Schaus, *Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg*, and Miss Fleisch, *Mayor of the City of Luxembourg and Chairman of the Committee on Development and Cooperation of the European Parliament*.

The sitting was suspended at 11.25 a.m. and resumed at 11.40 a.m.

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr Philippe YACÉ
President

Mr Emilio COLOMBO
President

Appointment of the members of the Joint Committee

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

The list of members is appended to the minutes of this sitting (Annex III).

Appointment of the Chairmen of the Joint Committee

The Assembly appointed Mr Kasongo and Mr Bersani Chairmen of the Joint Committee.

Documents received

President Yacé said that he had received the following documents:

- from the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers:
 - the report of activities from the Interim Committee covering the period 28 February 1975 to 31 March 1976 (Doc. 4/76),
 - the Annual Report (1 April 1976 to 31 March 1977) containing:
 - the resolution of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers on financial and technical cooperation,

— the Commission report to the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers on the administration of financial and technical aid in 1976 (Doc. 5/77),

— the report drawn up by Lord Reay on behalf of the Joint Committee on the Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and on current problems connected with the Lomé Convention (Doc. 6/77).

Fixing of deadline for submission of amendments

On a proposal from President Yacé the Assembly decided that the deadline for the submission of amendments to Lord Reay's report should be the end of that sitting.

Action taken on the resolution adopted by the Consultative Assembly on 2 June 1976

Mr Kasongo, *Chairman of the ACP-EEC Joint Committee*, informed the Assembly of the action taken by

the Joint Committee on paragraph 13 of the resolution adopted by the Assembly on 2 June 1976.

Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers

In accordance with the agenda Lord Reay presented the report he had drawn up on behalf of the Joint Committee on the Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers (Doc. 5/77) and on current problems connected with the Lomé Convention (Doc. 6/77).

The following spoke: Mr Matoka, *President-in-Office of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers*, Mr Tomlinson, *President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities* and Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission of the European Communities*.

The sitting was suspended at 1.05 p.m. and resumed at 3.30 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr Philippe YACÉ
President

Mr Emilio COLOMBO
President

Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers (continued)

The exchange of views resumed on Lord Reay's report on the Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers. The following spoke: Lord Reay, *Rapporteur*, Mrs Mathé, Mr Spicer and Mr Alhaji Abubakar.

IN THE CHAIR: MR SPÉNALE
Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Lagorce, Mr Lachmon, Mr Prescott, Mr Kasongo and Sir Geoffrey de Freitas.

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs Mathé
Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Adjibade, Mr Lücker, Mr Kanu, Mr Rivierez and Mr Matoka.

Change in agenda

On a proposal from the President, Mrs Mathé, the Assembly decided that the sitting of 9 June 1977 should commence at 10.30 a.m. and not at 9.30 a.m. as originally planned.

Agenda for next sitting

The next sitting was to take place on Thursday, 9 June 1977 at 10.30 a.m. The agenda was to include continuation of the debate on the report by Lord Reay on the Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers.

The sitting was closed at 5.55 p.m.

H. R. NORD and Michel EOLIE
Secretaries-General

Emilio COLOMBO and Philippe YACÉ
Presidents

ANNEX I

MEMBERS OF THE ACP-EEC CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY

	— Adams Rudolf	CHAD	
	— van Aerssen Jochen		—
	— Aigner Heinrich		—
	— Albers Willem	COMOROS	
	— Albertini Francesco		—
	— Amadei Giuseppe		—
	— Baas Jan		
BAHAMAS		CONGO	— Alfred Raoul
	—		— Jean Blaise Soukamy
	—		
		ETHIOPIA	
BARBADOS			— Kebede Temesgen
	—		—
	—		— Fellermaier Ludwig
		EQUATORIAL GUINEA	
BENIN			—
	— Tiamiou Adjibade		—
	— Blaise Amegnaglo		
	— Berkhouwer Cornelis	FIJI	
	— Bersani Giovanni		—
	— Bertrand Pierre		—
	— Lord Bessborough		— Fioret Mario
	— Bordu Gérard		— Lady Fisher of Rednal
			— Flämig Gerhard
BOTSWANA			— Mlle Flesch Colette
	— Mme E. B. Mathé		— Fletcher-Cooke Charles
	— K. K. Motshidisi		— Sir Geoffrey de Freitas
	— Bourdellès Pierre		
	— Broeksz Jan	GABON	
			— Albert Martin Sambhat
BURUNDI			— Galluzzi Carlo Alberto
	— Jérôme		— Jules Marius Onwanlele
	— Ntungumburanye		
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		GAMBIA	
CAMEROON			— A. K. N'jie
	— Tandeng Muna		— Mamodou Abdoulie
	— Simon Nko'O Etoungou		— Sisay
	— Caro Jean-Marie		— Geurtsen Aart
	— Mme Cassanmagnago		
	— Cerretti Maria Luisa	GHANA	
	— Lord Castle		— Ebo Bentsi-Enchill
			— Cameron Duodu
CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE			— Glinne Ernest
	— André Dieudonné		— Mme Goutmann
	— Maga Le		— Marie-Thérèse
	— Nestor		
	— Kombot-Naguemon	GRENADA	
	— Cifarelli Michele		—
	— Colombo Emilio		—

GUINEA BISSAU

— Boubacar Touré

—

GUINEA

—

—

GUYANA

— Harry E. Dyett

—

— Hamilton William

— Hansen Frankie

— Hansen Ove

IVORY COAST

— Philippe Yacé

— Edouard Ebagnitchie

— Covelli Alfredo

— De Clercq Paul

— Delmotte Fernand

— Deschamps Pierre

— Dondelinger Willy

— Mme Dunwoody

— Gwyneth

— Durieux Jean

— Ellis Robert

JAMAICA

— Donald B. Rainford

—

— Johnston Russell

— Jozeau-Marigné Léon

— Kaspereit Gabriel

— Kavanagh Liam

KENYA

— Mulwa Kasanga

— Joseph Muliro

— Klepsch Egon

— de Koning Jan

— Krall Lothar

— Mme Kruchow Clara

— Laban Cornelis

— Lagorce Pierre

LESOTHO

— E. M. Lerotholi

— E. M. Sekantsi

— Lezzi Pietro

LIBERIA

— Charles Sherman

— A. Robert Bright

— Lücker Hans-August

— McDonald Charles

MADAGASCAR

— Jules A. Razafimbahiny

— Jean Jacques Maurice

— Maigaard Jens

MALAWI

— M. L. Y. Kwengwere

— N. G. Wandale

Thupuwela

— de la Malène Christian

MALI

— Mamadou Traore

— Martens Lucien

— Martinelli Mario

MAURITANIA

— Abdoul Aziz Sall

— Mohamed Fall Babaha

— Meintz Carlo

— Müller Hans-Werner

— Lord Murray of

Gravesend

MAURITIUS

— Raymond Chasle

— Balmookoond Taposeea

NIGER

— Maj Maj Gana

— Lambert Messan

NIGERIA

— Gabriel O. Ijewere

— Alhaji Abubakar

— Nolan Thomas

— Normanton Tom

— Notenboom Harry

— Nyborg Kai

— Osborn John

— Pianta Georges

— Pisoni Feruccio

— Prescott John

— Price Christopher

— Pucci Ernesto

— Lord Reay

— Rivierez Hector

RWANDA

— Jean Crysostome

Ndufungirehe

— Augustin Maharangali

— Lord St. Oswald

— Sandri Renato

— Santer Jacques

— Schmidt Manfred

— Schuijt Willem

— Schwabe Wolfgang

— Schwörer Hermann

— Seefeld Horst

SENEGAL

— Amadou Bouta Gueye

— André Guillabert

SEYCHELLES

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SIERRA LEONE	— S. H. Kanu — J. S. A. Funna	UGANDA	— George B. Kihuguru — E. T. S. Adriko
SOMALI	— Ali Mattan Hashi — Abdullahi Jusuf Shiil — Spénale Georges — Spicer James — Spinelli Altiero — Mme Squarcialupi Vera	UPPER VOLTA	— Vandewiele Marcel — Vernaschi Vincenzo — Mme Walz Hanna — Wawrzik Kurt
SUDAN	— Mustafa Taha Hassan — Karar Elsayed Bakri		— Guy Naba Hien — Koudibi Jean Charles Kabre
SURINAM	— E. L. A. Wijntuin — R. B. R. Nooitmeer		— Herbert Michael — Holst Erik — Hunault Xavier — Inchauspé Michel — Mme Iotti Leonilde — Jakobsen Erhard
SWAZILAND	— S. S. Nxumalo — S. A. Pato	WESTERN SAMOA	— Vaovasamanaia — R. Philipps — Mme Sina Annandale
TANZANIA	— S. Munabi — L. D. Omari		— Würtz Peter — Zagari Mario
TOGO	— Nangbob Barnabo — Kodjovi Vinyo Dagadou	ZAIRE	— L. A. Kasongo Mukundji — Ramazani Mwene Malungu
TONGA	— —	ZAMBIA	— L. Lubamba — M. S. Beyani — Zeyer Werner
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	— J. O'Neil Lewis — Maurice O. St. John		

 ANNEX II

OBSERVERS

Cape Verde Islands	— Luis Fonseca
Papua New Guinea	— Peter Dickson Donigi
Sao Tomé and Príncipe	— Mme Maria de Amorin

ANNEX III

MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

CHAIRMEN

M. Kasongo Mukundji

(Zaire)

M. Bersani

MEMBERS

Amegnaglo

(Bahamas)

Aigner

Mathé

(Barbados)

Amadei

Ntungumburanye

(Benin)

Baas

Nko'O Etoungou

(Botswana)

Bertrand Pierre

Maga Le

(Burundi)

Broeksz

Soukamy

(Cameroon)

Castle

Temesgen

(Central African Empire)

Deschamps

Sambhat

(Chad)

Dondelinger

N'Jie
Bentsi-Enchill

(Comoros)

Durieux

Touré

(Congo)

Fellermaier

Dyett

(Equatorial Guinea)

Fioret

Ebagnitchie

(Ethiopia)

Flämig

Rainford

(Fiji)

Flesch

Mulwa

(Gabon)

Fletcher-Cooke

Lerotholi

(Gambia)

de Freitas

Bright

(Ghana)

Glinne

Razafimbahiny

(Grenada)

Goutmann

Kwengwere

(Guinea Bissau)

Hansen Ove

Traore

(Guinea)

Hunault

Fall Babaha

(Guyana)

Iotti

Chasle

(Ivory Coast)

Jakobsen

Maj Maj Gana

(Jamaica)

Jozeau-Marigné

Ijewere

(Kenya)

Kaspereit

Nduhungirehe

(Lesotho)

de Koning

Guillabert

(Liberia)

Krall

Kanu

(Madagascar)

Kruchow

Jusuf Shiil

(Malawi)

Laban

Taha Hassan

(Mali)

Lagorce

Wijntuin

(Mauritania)

Lezzi

Nxumalo

(Mauritius)

Lücker

Munabi

(Niger)

McDonald

Dagadou

(Nigeria)

Maigaard

Lewis

(Rwanda)

de la Malène

Kihuguru

(Senegal)

Martinelli

Hien

(Seychelles)

Nolan

Philipps

(Sierra Leone)

Pianta

Lubamba

(Somalia)

Price

(Sudan)

Reay

(Surinam)

St. Oswald

(Swaziland)

Sandri

(Tanzania)

Schuijt

(Togo)

Seefeld

(Tonga)

Spénale

(Trinidad & Tobago)

Vandewiele

(Uganda)

Vernaschi

(Upper Volta)

Walz

(Western Samoa)

Wawrzik

(Zambia)

Würtz

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, 9 JUNE 1977

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO
President

Mr Philippe YACÉ
President

The sitting was opened at 10.40 a.m.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr E. L. A. WIJNTUIN
Vice-President

Tribute

President Colombo reminded the Assembly that Abbé Laudrin, who had for many years made an important contribution to the work, first of the Conference and then of the Assembly, had died in March 1977.

Mr Razaimbahiny spoke.

Change in agenda

On a proposal from the President, the Assembly decided that the sitting of Friday, 10 June 1977 should commence at 9.30 a.m. and not at 10.00 a.m. as originally planned.

Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers (continued)

The exchange of views resumed on Lord Reay's report on the Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers. The following spoke: Mr Deschamps, Mr Adriko, Mr Pisoni, Mr Sambhat and Mr Osborn.

Agenda for next sitting

The next sitting would take place on Friday, 10 June 1977 at 9.30 a.m. with the following agenda:

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Vaovasamanaia PHILIPPS
Vice-President

- continuation and conclusion of the exchange of views on Lord Reay's report,
- adoption of the motion for a resolution contained in Lord Reay's report,
- any other business.

Mr Maga Le and Mr Sandri spoke.

The sitting was closed at 1.10 p.m.

H. R. NORD and Michel EOLIE
Secretaries-General

Philippe YACÉ
President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, 10 JUNE 1977

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Philippe YACÉ
President

Ministers. Mr Mulwa, Mr Hien and Lord Reay, *Rapporteur*, spoke.

The sitting was opened at 9.45 a.m.

Mr Adjibade tabled an oral amendment seeking to insert the words 'and against racialism' after the words 'for independence' in paragraph 17 of the motion for a resolution.

Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers (continued)

The exchange of views resumed on the report by Lord Reay on the Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of

The President pointed out that according to Article 16 (1) of the Rules of Procedure amendments had to be tabled in writing and that the deadline had in any case already been exceeded.

Lord Reay spoke.

The Assembly adopted the amendment.

On a proposal from the President the Assembly agreed to the amendment being tabled orally and after the deadline.

The Assembly adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and on current problems connected with the Lomé Convention

The ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly meeting from 8 to 10 June 1977 in Luxembourg,

- having heard the statements of 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 taken note of the Annual Report of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers (Doc 5/77),
- welcoming the accession of the Comoro State, the Republic of Seychelles and the Republic of Surinam as well as the signing of accession agreements with the Republic of Cape Verde, Papua New Guinea and the Republic of Sao Tomé and Príncipe, all of which bears witness to the attraction of the Convention, which remains open, under certain conditions, to other nations wishing to accede, and expressing the hope that the necessary ratification procedures will be completed as soon as possible,

1. Stresses the generally satisfactory application of the provisions of the Convention of Lomé such as those concerning the exemption from duty of almost all exports from the ACP States, and the smooth functioning of financial and technical cooperation;
2. Notes with satisfaction that the work of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers, and the Interim Committee which was operative before the full entry into force of the Convention, made possible the establishment of most of the provisions of the Convention, as well as the necessary institutions, before the end of the first full year of application of the Convention;
3. Notes the positive results already achieved with respect to the application, for the first year, of the provisions of the Convention relating to the system for stabilizing export earnings, and welcomes the recent extension of the system to other products and the extension of the derogation provided for in Article 17 (4) of the Convention to certain other ACP States, while drawing attention to the need to extend this system further and to strengthen and improve it as a contribution of the ACP-EEC Group to the search for and establishment of a new international economic order, which is essential and urgent;
4. Welcomes the fact that at the recent meeting of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers in Fiji on 13/14 April 1977, it was possible to clarify a number of problems that had arisen in the trade sector, thus underlining the political will by all parties to achieve the goals set by the Convention;
5. Commends the Community on its declared willingness to examine practical proposals for facilitating the export at preferential prices of surplus agricultural products from the Community to the ACP States; and urges the Community to devise a method of payment for those and other exports to the ACP States such as would place the least possible foreign exchange burden on those States;
6. Urges that information and consultation procedures provided for in the Convention be strengthened and expresses the earnest desire that they should be effective, i.e. applied both by ACP States and by the Community prior to the taking of decisions;
7. Notes with satisfaction that all the necessary steps have been taken to set up the institutional framework relating to industrial cooperation, and hopes that implementing action will now take place;
8. Believes that the provisions of the Convention relating to micro-projects are of great importance in responding to the needs of local communities, and hopes that the method of implementing these projects can be simplified and speeded up;

9. Welcomes the Community's recent decision to reinstate the quotas of certain countries which had not delivered their agreed quantities of sugar during the 1975/76 marketing year and urges the Community to enter into urgent consultation with the ACP in order that such a decision can be smoothly implemented;
10. Notes with satisfaction that the positions of the ACP and the EEC have moved closer in respect of the application of Article 5 (4) of the Protocol on Sugar, but having regard to the unsatisfactory results of the latest negotiations on the guaranteed price for 1977/78, calls upon the Community and the ACP to explore fully all possible avenues of consultation in order that a common understanding be reached on the interpretation of the provisions of the Protocol on Sugar so that subsequent talks on prices leave real scope for negotiations as claimed by the ACP;
11. Considers that the special treatment accorded to those ACP States which are exporters of beef and veal products must be maintained after 1977 because of the urgent needs of these countries whose economies are largely dependent on those products and who need to plan their production in advance;
12. Urges the Community in the context of the Joint Banana Group to make a rapid and constructive response to the proposals put forward by the ACP States in connection with the implementation of Protocol No 6 of the Convention on bananas; and expresses the hope that the Community's response will give priority to the interests of the ACP States;
13. Again underlines the importance it attaches to the provisions of the Convention on regional and inter-regional cooperation, welcomes the first indicative programme recently proposed by the Commission and calls for the drafting at the earliest opportunity of a second indicative programme to promote the regional and inter-regional development of the other ACP States, and in particular the least developed countries in the other regions;
14. Considers that the setting up, recommended by the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers in Fiji, of an ACP-EEC sub-committee with special responsibility for investigating the specific problems facing the least developed, landlocked or island countries is entirely consistent with the spirit of the Convention of Lomé;
15. Expresses the hope that the Community generalized preference scheme for 1978 will take account of the legitimate concern of the ACP countries; and therefore welcomes the agreement of the ACP-EEC Council to set up a Working Party to study this question;
16. Calls on the ACP States and the Member States of the EEC, in the light of the disappointing results of the work of the latest major international meetings, for example the UNCTAD Conferences in Nairobi and Geneva and the North-South dialogue, to ensure that the spirit of solidarity of the Convention of Lomé which has prevailed over recent difficulties governs forthcoming meetings of the international community;
17. Stresses that the economic situation of the member countries of the Convention of Lomé engaged in southern Africa in the joint struggle of the African peoples for independence and against racialism is part of a political crisis in which the EEC must concern itself, necessitating the use of special measures within the framework of the Convention; welcomes, in this connection, the use made of the provisions of the Convention relating to exceptional aid, and recognizes that in view of the worsening of the crisis further and more urgent help will be needed;
18. Urges the need, in this connection, for careful consideration of the economic activities of investors from the Member States of the EEC in the region;
19. Requests all signatory States of the Convention to observe with the utmost strictness the resolutions adopted by the United Nations, the OAU and the recent Maputo Conference in support of the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and the Republic of South Africa for independence, the unequivocal affirmation of the principle of majority rule and the equality of all peoples in this area;
20. Urges the Council of Ministers to pursue appropriate action at the level of the Committee of ACP-EEC Ambassadors to ensure ways of establishing, within the meaning of Title 3 of the Convention, effective contacts, consultations and cooperation between the economic and social sectors of the Member States and the ACP States;

21. Considers that cooperation in the agricultural produce sector is of major importance for all the countries that have acceded to the Convention and that it is necessary to provide in this field institutions and instruments similar to those provided for in the Convention of Lomé for industrial cooperation; feels, therefore, that provision should be made, on the basis of Article 80 (5) of the Convention, for representative organizations of the economic and social sectors, especially agriculture, to be effectively consulted;
22. Notes the resolution adopted by the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers in Fiji recommending that the Committee of Ambassadors study the viability of a Joint Centre to promote agriculture in the ACP countries;
23. Instructs its Presidents to forward this resolution and the report by Lord Reay to the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers and to the Commission of the European Communities.

Document received

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution on cooperation with representatives of the economic and social groups in the ACP States and the EEC (Doc. 7/77) from Mr Bersani and Mr Kasongo, *Chairmen*, on behalf of the Joint Committee.

Cooperation with representatives of the economic and social groups

On a proposal from the President the Assembly decided to consider immediately the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Bersani and Mr Kasongo, *Chairmen*, on behalf of the Joint Committee on cooperation with representatives of the economic and social groups in the ACP States and the EEC (Doc. 7/77).

Mr Bersani explained the motion for a resolution.

The Assembly adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on cooperation with the representatives of the economic and social groups in the ACP States and the EEC

The ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly meeting from 8 to 10 June 1977 in Luxembourg,

- having heard the statement by the Chairman of the Joint Committee on 8 June 1977,
- having regard to the positive results of the first meeting of 9 June 1977,
- realizing the need to organize regular meetings between the members of the Joint Committee and representatives of the economic and social groups of the ACP countries and the EEC,

requests its Joint Committee to continue to investigate the possibilities of closer cooperation with the representatives of the economic and social groups in the ACP States and the EEC as part of the implementation of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé, and to report to it.

Closure of Second Meeting

The President thanked all who had taken part in the Assembly for their contribution.

He declared the Second Meeting of the Consultative Assembly closed.

The sitting was closed at 10.40 a.m.

H. R. NORD and Michel EOLIE
Secretaries-General

Philippe YACÉ
President
