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drawn up on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee

on the outcome of the Conference of Heads of State or Government held in
Copenhagen on 14/15 December 1973 and on measures taken as a result

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At its sitting of 12 December 1973 the European Parliament requested the Political Affairs Committee to submit a report on the outcome of the Conference of Heads of State or Government held in Copenhagen on 14/15 December 1973 and on measures taken as a result.

The Political Affairs Committee appointed Mr RADOUX, the vice-chairman, rapporteur at its meeting of 20 December 1973.

At its meeting of 11 January 1974 the Political Affairs Committee unanimously adopted this report.

The following were present: Mr Giraudo, chairman; Mr Radoux, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Lord Gladwyn, vice-chairman; Mr Achenbach, Sir Tufton Beamish, Mr Behrendt, Mr Bertrand, Mr Bourges, Mr Dalsager, Mr Della Briotta (deputizing for Mr Vals), Mr Faure, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Jahn, Mr Kirk, Mr Lenihan, Mr Lücker, Mr van der Sanden, Mr Scelba and Mr Schwabe (deputizing for Mr Corona).

The Political Affairs Committee instructed its rapporteur to present orally the explanatory statement to the motion for a resolution.

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the outcome of the Conference of Heads of State or Government held in Copenhagen on 14/15 December 1973 and on measures taken as a result.

The European Parliament,

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1. Expresses its satisfaction with the decision to expedite the achievement of European union and requests the Community institutions to work together to make precise proposals in this matter as soon as possible;
2. Is gratified to take note of the principles of European identity solemnly affirmed by the Heads of State or Government, but insists that they should rapidly be made tangible by more efficient and compelling procedures for common action, particularly in the fields of foreign policy and defence;
3. Appreciates the fact that a common energy policy, with a precise timetable, has finally been envisaged, but expects all the Member States resolutely to undertake to coordinate their actions in complete solidarity within a Community framework;
4. Stresses that the Heads of State or Government have confirmed a common position regarding the situation in the Middle East, reaffirming the resolve of Europe as a community to contribute to a just and lasting peace in that part of the world;

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5. Is deeply concerned by the prospect of worsening economic and social conditions, particularly in the field of employment, and calls for Community action to bring together in a tripartite conference the Commission of the European Communities, the Governments of the Member States and the social partners to discuss what is necessary to overcome the difficulties;
6. Regrets that the extremely important and pressing questions of the strengthening of the European Parliament's powers and the improved functioning of the Community Institutions were only dealt with in a declaration of intent, and stresses that immediate measures are required to halt the deterioration of Community procedures;
7. Reaffirms, in this respect, that Conferences of Heads of State or Government of the Member States cannot take the place of the Community Institutions, nor displace their responsibilities;

8. Stresses that henceforth it falls to the State filling the office of President of the Council of the European Communities to convene 'presidential meetings' when these are considered desirable. This procedure should make it possible, when exceptional circumstances demand:
 - (a) to provide the policy suggestions necessary for the continued stimulation and development of the Community;
 - (b) to produce lines of action likely to resolve major problems on the basis of thorough preparation by the relevant Community bodies;
9. Urges the Community Institutions to render tangible the decisions and undertakings of the Heads of State or Government, particularly as regards energy policy, economic and monetary union and the achievement - as from 1 January 1974 - of the Community regional policy;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Heads of State or Government of the Member States and to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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