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Report

on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee

for the Conference of Heads of State or Government in Paris on 9 and
10 December 1974

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By letter of 7 November 1974 the Political Affairs Committee requested authorization to draw up a report concerning the Conference of Heads of State or Government in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974.

Authorization was given by the Bureau of the European Parliament on 13 November 1974.

On 7 November 1974 the Political Affairs Committee appointed its chairman, Mr Giraudon rapporteur.

It considered the draft report at its meetings of 7 November and 19 and 20 November and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution with one abstention on 20 November 1974.

Present: Mr Giraudon, chairman and rapporteur; Mr Radoux, vice-chairman; Lord Gladwyn, vice-chairman; Mr Bahrendt, Mr Alfred Bertrand, Mr Blumenfeld, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Mr Fellermaier (deputizing for Mr Corterier), Mr Klepsch (deputizing for Mr Jahn), Mr Lenihan, Mr Lucker, Mr McDonald, Mr Scelba, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Thornley (deputizing for Mr Faure).

The explanatory statement will be made orally in plenary sitting.



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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

for the Conference of Heads of State or Government in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974

The European Parliament,

- welcoming the initiative of the President of the French Republic in calling this Conference at a critical moment for Europe, in view of the need to give fresh impetus to European unification,
- stressing the urgent need to move on, in the economic and financial fields as well in the general political field, from declarations of intent to practical decisions, which is a prerequisite for any further progress towards European Union and the strengthening of the Community's popular support,
- having regard to the report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 367/74),

1. Calls upon the Conference

- A. to confirm the commitments entered into at the Paris Conference of October 1972 and the Copenhagen Conference of December 1973 on the progressive development of the Community towards a European Union and to transform them into specific directives;
- B. to decide, consequently, on the creation of an overall Community policy designed to :

- fight inflation resolutely,
- ensure a high level of employment and to protect workers' earnings,
- give new impetus to economic recovery,
- implement a Community energy and raw materials policy to safeguard supplies, while maintaining the necessary solidarity, and to organize a dialogue between the producer and consumer countries,
- implement at last, in accordance with votes by the European Parliament, the decision to establish a regional development fund with sufficient resources to aid the less favoured regions of the Community;

- 2. Requests that, for the purpose of putting this policy into effect, the decision-making procedures provided for in the Treaties should be restored and applied in the Council;

3. Requests that the transformation of the present political cooperation procedure into a Community procedure be speeded up;
4. Requests that the European Parliament be granted real joint decision-making, budgetary and supervisory powers;
5. Requests that the Council be instructed to fix by 30 June 1975 a date for its election by direct universal suffrage not later than 1980;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Conference of Heads of State or Government, the parliaments of the Member States, and the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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