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HIGH AUTHORITY PRESIDENT AFFIRMS STAND FOR 'SUPRANATIONAL' COMMUNITY

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 17 --- President Dino Del Bo of the European Coal and Steel Community's High Authority reiterated today in Strasbourg his call for an increase in the European Community's supranational powers (over the six member governments).

The High Authority will soon present a report on its use of supranational powers over the past 12 years, President Del Bo disclosed during a European Parliament debate on the High Authority's annual report.

"At the request of the Parliament, the High Authority is drawing up a document to inform the Parliament and European public opinion . . . of the political significance of the High Authority's work over the last 12 years and the way in which it has exercised its supranational powers," President Del Bo said. "The document will also indicate how the new single executive (of the European Common Market, European Coal and Steel Community and European Atomic Energy Community) to be created would have to wield supranational power. We fully support the demand that the merger of the Communities should produce an increase, and not a reduction, in the powers of the Community, and that the supranational powers of the High Authority should not be abandoned but, on the contrary, extended to other sectors."

U.S.-European Economic Competition Stressed

President Del Bo called for an increase in the size of European industry as a means of reaching U.S.-European competitive equilibrium.

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"The widening of the European Economic Community into the Atlantic community is inevitable for both economic and political reasons," he said, "and a certain degree of equality must be attained for fair competition to take place between Community firms and American firms."

"For this," he said, "Community firms will necessarily have to increase their size considerably Mergers, however, must not permit firms to achieve a dominant position in that competition has to be maintained which will guarantee a fair distribution of wealth."

President Del Bo also pledged to increase High Authority loan assistance to firms for plant modernization.

He again proposed a general leveling and equalizing of world steel protection in the Kennedy Round. "The High Authority does not only wish to obtain from the Kennedy Round negotiations a reduction in the steel tariffs of the six member countries of the Community," he said, "but also to achieve an equitable position vis-a-vis the other major steel producers. The Community has already decided to take part in these negotiations which should . . . lead to a reduction in the existing differences between the protective tariffs on steel."

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