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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on the recommendation from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-1269/83) for a regulation on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus

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By letter of 23 December 1983, the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion, pursuant to Article 238 of the EEC Treaty, on the Council Regulation on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus (COM(83) 513 final).

At the sitting of 16 January 1984, the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for an opinion.

At its meeting of 27 September 1983, the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mrs BADUEL GLORIOSO rapporteur.

The committee considered the Commission's proposal and the draft report at its meetings of 24 November 1983 and 25 January 1984.

At the last meeting, the committee decided unanimously with one abstention to recommend to Parliament that it approve the Commission's proposal without amendment.

The following took part in the vote: Sir Fred Catherwood, chairman; Mr van Aerssen, vice-chairman; Mrs Baduel Glorioso, rapporteur; Mr Fuchs (deputizing for Mr Caillavet), Miss Hooper, Mr Kazazis (deputizing for Mrs Moreau), Mr Markopoulos (deputizing for Mr Seeler), Mr Moreland (deputizing for Mr Warner), Mr Pelikan, Mr Pesmazoglou, Mr Poirier, Mr Protopapadakis (deputizing for Mr Blumenfeld), Mr Rieger, Mrs Seibel-Emmerling (deputizing for Mrs Wieczorek-Zeul), Mr Zarges and Mr Ziagas.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets is attached.

This report was tabled on 27 January 1984.

The deadline for tabling amendments to this report is given in the agenda of the part-session at which it will be considered.

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The Committee on External Economic Relations hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the recommendation from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the recommendation from the Commission to the Council $(COM(83) 513 \text{ final})^{1}$.
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 238 (Doc. 1-1269/83),
- having regard to the reports by Mrs BADUEL GLORIOSO (Doc. 1-501/83 and Doc. 1-978/83),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-1337/83).
- having regard to the result of the vote on the Commission's recommendation,
- A. whereas technical and financial cooperation should contribute to the economic and social development of the entire population of the Republic of Cyprus as provided for in the Association Agreement,
- B. whereas improved economic and trade relations between the Community and the Republic of Cyprus would facilitate an equitable and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem which would ensure the unity and integrity of the island, pursuant to the recent resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 May 1983 (A/res/253);

¹ OJ No. C 2551, 23.9.1983, p. 5

- C. having regard to the particular importance and social role of the Republic of Cyprus in international relations and in particular for the complex political equilibrium of the Eastern Mediterranean,
- D. whereas the creation of cooperation links between the Community and countries bordering on the Mediterranean implies concessions on the part of the Community's Mediterranean countries,
- E. having regard to the resolution condemning the 'declaration of independence by the Turkish-Cypriot part of Cyprus adopted by the European Parliament on 17 November 1983,
- F. having regard to the vote on the Commission recommendation,
- Stresses the importance of technical and financial cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus with the aim of making a substantial contribution to the economic and social progress of its peoples;
- 2. Regrets profoundly that the north of Cyprus occupied by Turkey has made a declaration of independence and that as a result the Community is not in a position to provide financial aid to this part of the island as long as the current situation remains unchanged;
- 3. Approves the proposal for a Regulation under consideration;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward to the Commission and the Council, as Parliament's opinion, the Commission's proposals as voted by Parliament and the corresponding resolution.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The first EEC/Cyprus financial protocol, signed on 15 September 1977, entered into force on 1 January 1979 and is due to expire on 31 December 1983.

The directives for the negotiation of a second financial protocol were adopted by the Council at its meeting of 30 June 1983. These directives provided for a total of 44 million ECU, of which 28 million are to consist of normal loans (from the European Investment Bank's own resources) and 16 million ECU to come from the Community budget (10 million of which in the form of grants for economic and technical cooperation and interest rebates, and 6 million as loans on special conditions).

There is a provision that the protocol should last for five years, expiring on 31 December 1988.

The procedures for qualifying for aid under the protocol will be strictly based on those adopted within the framework of 'second generation' of recently concluded protocols with the Mediterranean partners.

It is understood that aid provided under the second EEC-Cyprus financial protocol must benefit the entire population of the island.

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