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Rhodes, 3 October 1980

Mrs Simone VEIL,
President of the European Parliament,
Kirchberg Plateau,
LUXEMBOURG

EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary
Committee

Dear Madam President,

The Joint Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-Greece Association held its XVith meeting in Rhodes on 2 and 3 October 1980.

You will find attached the text of the final communiqué adopted by the Joint Parliamentary Committee.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Bernhard SÄLZER
Leader of the delegation
of the European Parliament
to the

(sgd) Aristides KALANTZAKOS
Leader of the delegation
of the Greek Parliament
to the

EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee

FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ

1. The EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee held its XVith meeting in Rhodes from 2 to 3 October 1980 under the joint chairmanship of Mr Aristides KALANTZAKOS, leader of the delegation of the Greek Parliament and Mr SÄLZER, leader of the delegation of the European Parliament.
2. The meeting was also attended by Mr Georges CONTOGEOORGIS, Minister without Portfolio in the Greek Government responsible for relations with the European Community, Mr Paul HELMINGER, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg and President-in-Office of the Association Council and of the Council of Ministers, and Mr Lorenzo NATALI, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities.
3. The Joint Parliamentary Committee declared itself satisfied with the climate of cooperation and friendship which had once more prevailed between the two delegations and marked the work of the XVith meeting in Rhodes.
4. The two delegations, noting that the work of the Joint Parliamentary Committee, set up under the Association Agreement of 1961, would come to an end when Greece acceded to the European Community on 1 January 1981, paid homage to their predecessors on the Joint Committee who, over the years, and in cooperation with the other responsible bodies, had helped to pave the way for Greece's accession to the European Community.
5. The two delegations held an exchange of views on the results of the EEC-Greece Association on the basis of the annual report of the Association Council. They also considered the various aspects of

Greece's forthcoming accession on 1 January 1981.

6. The members of the Joint Committee welcomed this important political act which, represented a step forward in the construction of Europe and a strengthening of peace and democracy in Europe. They noted that the major problems still outstanding, should be resolved as part of the solutions to be found for the wider problems facing the European Community with the wholehearted collaboration of Greece.
7. While acknowledging the economic problems currently facing Greece and the European Community, the members of the Joint Committee felt that the economic benefits hoped for by the two parties were numerous and attainable. They were also convinced that the accession of Greece would help to satisfy the social and cultural aspirations of the Greek people in cooperation with all the Member States of the European Community.
8. The members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee expressed the wish that, as soon as they are nominated by the Greek Parliament, the Greek members of the European Parliament should attend the part-sessions of the European Parliament and the meetings of its committees up to 31 December 1980 as observers. They called on the Bureau of the European Parliament to make the necessary arrangements immediately.
9. The Joint Parliamentary Committee noted with satisfaction the resolution on the events in Turkey adopted by the European Parliament at its sitting of 18 September 1980, and reaffirmed the need to respect internationally-recognized human rights.