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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION¹

tabled by Miss Colette FLESCH, Chairman,
on behalf of the Committee on Development
and Cooperation

with request for consideration by urgent
procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules
of Procedure

on the Convention between the EEC and the
African, Caribbean and Pacific countries
signed at Lomé on 28 February 1975

¹ Unanimously adopted on 4 March 1975

Present: Miss Flesch, chairman and rapporteur;
Mr Deschamps, vice-chairman;
Mr Aigner, Mr Bersani, Mr Broeksz,
Mr Dondelinger, Mrs Fenner, Mr Glinne,
Mr Kaspereit, Mr Laudrin, Mr Brøndlund
Nielsen, Lord Reay, Mr Seefeld and
Mr Zeller

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the political importance of the Convention between the EEC and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries signed at Lomé on 28 February 1975;
- 1. Welcomes the successful conclusion of the Lomé Convention which, on the basis of the experience gained under the Yaoundé Convention, gives a new dimension to relations between the EEC and a large number of developing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific;
- 2. Pays tribute to all the contracting parties and, in particular, the EEC Commission and the Committee of Ambassadors and plenipotentiaries of the ACP for their open-minded attitude, their realism and their political resolve to reach an agreement based on respect for their mutual interests;
- 3. Notes that the signature of the Convention between the Member States of the EEC and the ACP is an expression of their solidarity, their interdependence and their desire to cooperate on an equitable basis acceptable to all;
- 4. Notes that, by its breadth, content, and open nature, this Convention constitutes a milestone in development cooperation policy inasmuch as, in addition to free access to Community markets and arrangements to promote ACP exports, it provides for a mechanism for stabilizing the revenues accruing from their principal export products and innovative formulas for industrial cooperation and financial and technical cooperation;
- 5. Notes also with satisfaction that the contracting parties have recognized the need for joint institutions, notably a consultative assembly representing the peoples of the EEC and the ACP;
- 6. Welcomes the fact that, with the signing of the Convention, an agreement has also been reached between the EEC and the ACP on the setting up of an interim committee to prepare measures for the implementation in advance of the Convention of provisions, dealing in particular with trade, which will be applied autonomously by the ACP and EEC as from 1 July 1975;
- 7. Appeals to all the contracting parties to ensure that the Convention is ratified as soon as possible, according to the respective procedures of each State, so as to permit the entry into force, at the earliest possible date, of all the Convention's provisions, including those relating to financial, technical and industrial cooperation;

8. Instructs its committee to report to it as soon as possible on the content of the new EEC-ACP Convention;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the appropriate bodies of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States concerned.

