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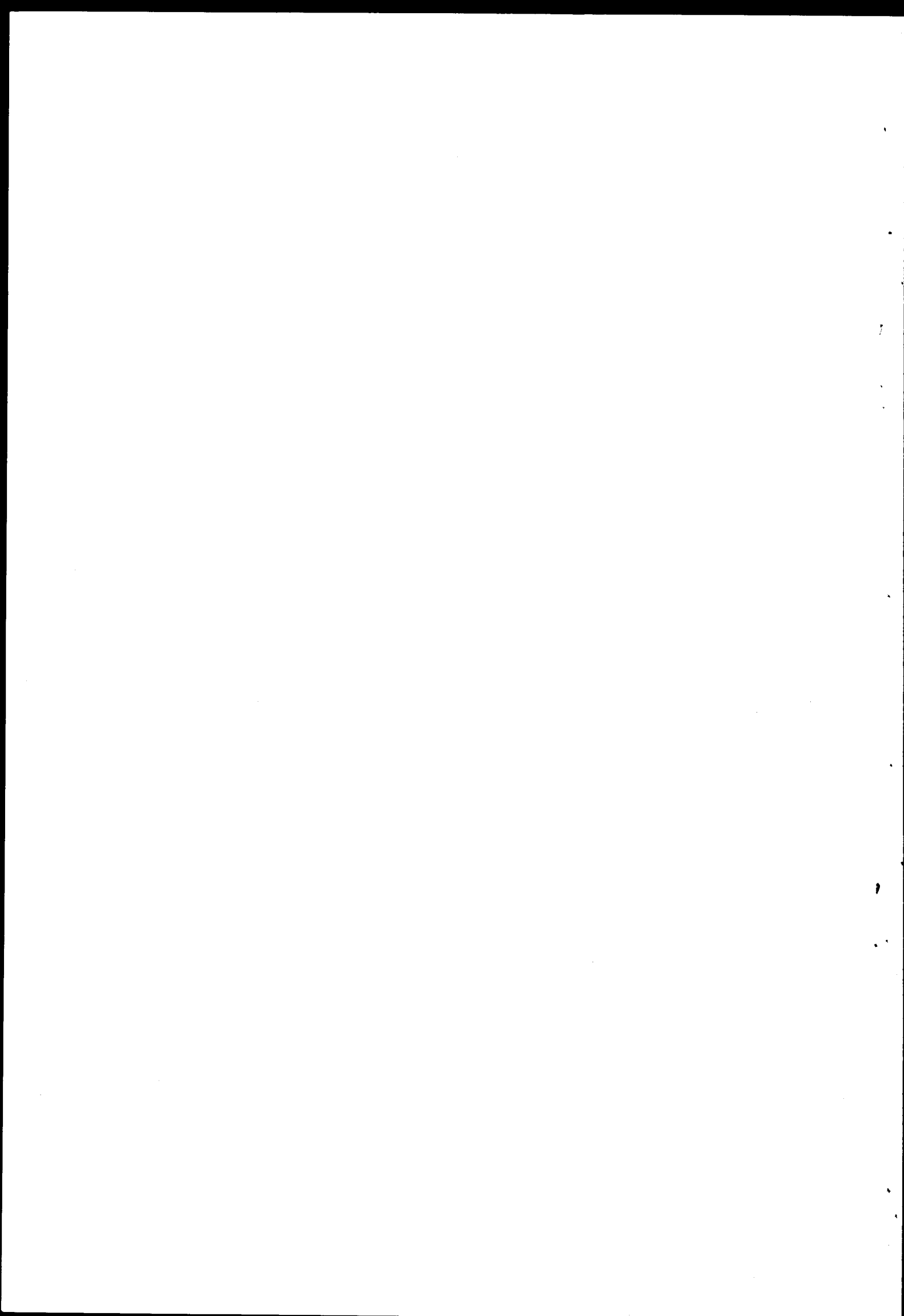
INTERIM REPORT

drawn up by the Committee on External Economic Relations

on the agreement between the European Economic Community and the State
of Israel

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By letter of 29 April 1975 the Committee on External Economic Relations requested authorization to draw up a report on the agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel.

The President of the European Parliament, in his letter of 7 May 1975, authorized the drawing up of an interim report on this matter.

On 12 May 1975 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Patijn rapporteur. At the same meeting it considered the draft report and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement.

Present: Mr Kaspereit, chairman; Mr Thomsen, vice-chairman; Mr Patijn, rapporteur; Mr Geurtsen (deputizing for Mr Baas), Mr Klepsch, Mr Nyborg, Lord St. Oswald, Mr Spicer and Mr Vandewiele.

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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

on the agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel

The European Parliament,

- having noted the signing of the agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel,
 - having further noted that this agreement will come into force one month after the exchange of instruments of ratification between the two contracting parties and hence, in principle, on 1 July 1975,
 - having been informed of the substance of this agreement through its competent committees on 29 April 1975,
 - reserving the right to express its opinion subsequently on all aspects of the agreement,
 - recalling its previous resolutions on relations between the Community and the State of Israel, and particularly that of 25 March 1965,¹
1. Welcomes the conclusion of negotiations which have led to a formal agreement between the Community and the State of Israel;
 2. Emphasizes that this agreement confirms the Community's desire to strengthen, further its ties with the countries of the Mediterranean Basin;
 3. Notes with satisfaction that the agreement contains a future adjustments clause allowing for dynamic interpretation of relations between the Community and the State of Israel;
 4. Believes that, at the proper time, appropriate and regular contacts could be established between Members of the Israeli Parliament and the European Parliament with a view to facilitating the adjustment of the agreement and of relations between the Community and the State of Israel;
 5. Instructs its competent committees to pursue their discussions on all the aspects of the agreement and, if the need arises, to report to it;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

¹ OJ No 62, 12 April 1965, p 917/65

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the procedure agreed between Parliament and the Council, on 29 April 1975 the Council briefed the Committee on External Economic Relations, the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Agriculture on the content of the agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel.

Under this procedure Parliament, at the initiative of its competent committee, could consider this agreement after its signature. However, since the agreement is to come into force one month after the exchange of letters confirming the completion of the internal procedures of each contracting country, it is essential that the European Parliament should be able to emphasize the importance of this agreement before the exchange of letters takes place.

It is for this reason that the Committee on External Economic Relations is submitting to Parliament an interim report and a motion for a resolution whilst reserving the right to submit in due course an exhaustive report on the various aspects of the agreement.