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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr G. Springorum, Committee Chairman

on behalf of the Committee for Energy, Research and Technology (*)

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

on the present situation with regard to energy policy, following the conclusion of an international agreement of Member States of the OEDC to safeguard energy supplies and to set up an international petroleum supply agency

(*) Adopted unanimously with one abstention on 18 November 1974.

Present: Mr Springorum, Chairman; Mr Leonardi, Vice-Chairman; Lord Bessborough, Mr Burgbacher, Mr Flämig, Mr Giraud, Mr Glesener, Mr Hougardy, Mr Kater, Mr Krall, Mr Lautenschlager, Mr Memmel, Mr Noè, Mr Normanton, Mr Petersen, Mr Pintat, Mr Schmidt (deputizing for Mr Leenhardt), Mr Vandewiele, Mr Vetrone (deputizing for Mr Andreotti) and Mrs Walz.

PE 38.859/fin.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the fact that eight Member States of the Community and other Member States of the OECD signed an agreement on energy on 18 November 1974 and that they intend to set up a petroleum supply agency under the OECD;
 - having regard to its various resolutions on energy policy, and in particular on the Community's new energy policy strategy of 11 July 1974¹;
 - having regard to the requirements specified by the Conference of Heads of State or Government of Member States of the European Communities held in Copenhagen on 14 and 15 December 1973 concerning the activities of the Community organs in certain fields;
1. Believes that the new Community energy policy strategy proposed by the Commission and approved by the European Parliament should be finally adopted by the Council and should guide the Community's future energy policy;
 2. Fears that the lack of unity among Member States regarding a common energy policy could lead to the irrevocable loss of the European identity;
 3. Calls, therefore, for implementation of the decisions on energy policy of the Conference of Heads of State or Government held in Copenhagen on 14 and 15 December 1973, and regrets that the Council resolution of 17 September 1974 does not fully reflect either these decisions or the Commission's proposals for a new energy policy strategy;
 4. Considers it inadequate for the European Communities to play the role of a mere observer in the OECD, and therefore urges the Council to take immediate steps to ensure that the European Communities accede to this agreement as soon as possible and apply for full membership of the international petroleum supply agency to be set up in the OECD, the creation of which meets with its approval;
 5. Calls also upon the Council to take the necessary measures to ensure that, under this agreement and within this international petroleum supply agency, the Commission should speak on behalf of Member States of the Community which alongside the Community are members of the agency in their own right;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of the European Communities and to the Governments of the Member States and, for information, to the Commission of the European Communities.

¹ OJ No. C 93, 7 August 1974, p. 79

By letter of 7 November 1974 the Political Affairs Committee requested authorization to draw up a report concerning the Conference of Heads of State or Government in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974.

Authorization was given by the Bureau of the European Parliament on 13 November 1974.

On 7 November 1974 the Political Affairs Committee appointed its chairman, Mr Giraud, rapporteur.

It considered the draft report at its meetings of 7 November and 19 and 20 November and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution with one abstention on 20 November 1974.

Present: Mr Giraud, chairman and rapporteur; Mr Radoux, vice-chairman; Lord Gladwyn, vice-chairman; Mr Bahrendt, Mr Alfred Bertrand, Mr Blumenfeld, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Mr Fellermaier (deputizing for Mr Corterier), Mr Klepsch (deputizing for Mr Jahn), Mr Lenihan, Mr Lucker, Mr McDonald, Mr Scelba, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Thornley (deputizing for Mr Faure).

The explanatory statement will be made orally in plenary sitting.

The Political Affairs Committee hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

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for the Conference of Heads of State or Government in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974

The European Parliament,

- welcoming the initiative of the President of the French Republic in calling this Conference at a critical moment for Europe, in view of the need to give fresh impetus to European unification,
- stressing the urgent need to move on, in the economic and financial fields as well in the general political field, from declarations of intent to practical decisions, which is a prerequisite for any further progress towards European Union and the strengthening of the Community's popular support,
- having regard to the report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 367/74),

1. Calls upon the Conference

- A. to confirm the commitments entered into at the Paris Conference of October 1972 and the Copenhagen Conference of December 1973 on the progressive development of the Community towards a European Union and to transform them into specific directives;
- B. to decide, consequently, on the creation of an overall Community policy designed to :

- fight inflation resolutely,
- ensure a high level of employment and to protect workers' earnings,
- give new impetus to economic recovery,
- implement a Community energy and raw materials policy to safeguard supplies, while maintaining the necessary solidarity, and to organize a dialogue between the producer and consumer countries,
- implement at last, in accordance with votes by the European Parliament, the decision to establish a regional development fund with sufficient resources to aid the less favoured regions of the Community;

2. Requests that, for the purpose of putting this policy into effect, the decision-making procedures provided for in the Treaties should be restored and applied in the Council;

3. Requests that the transformation of the present political cooperation procedure into a Community procedure be speeded up;
4. Requests that the European Parliament be granted real joint decision-making, budgetary and supervisory powers;
5. Requests that the Council be instructed to fix by 30 June 1975 a date for its election by direct universal suffrage not later than 1980;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Conference of Heads of State or Government, the parliaments of the Member States, and the Council and Commission of the European Communities.