

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Working Documents

1975-1976

22 September 1975

DOCUMENT 246/75

ORAL QUESTION (O-31/75)

with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr FELLERMAIER and Mr RADOUX
on behalf of the Socialist Group
to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: Conclusions to be drawn from the Conference on Security
and Cooperation in Europe

At the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe the states of North America and Europe undertook to implement, in their future relations with one another, the principles laid down in the final documents of Helsinki. The Final Act opens the way to a Europe of peace, security and justice and the steady development of friendly relations and cooperation. This document is not a peace treaty but rather an agreement for peace.

The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe could only be convened after relations between the states of Europe had been eased and improved. This was achieved first and foremost through the conclusion of the Four-Power Agreement on Berlin and the Treaty between the two German states. The Final Act will therefore also apply to Berlin.

The results of the Conference will not hinder the process of European Unity. Rather, they will give the gradual process of détente a new substantial content.

The Council is therefore asked:

1. In which fields and to what extent will the CSCE open up or develop and strengthen, opportunities for economic cooperation between the European Community and the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (COMECON), on the one hand, and the Community and the individual COMECON Member States, on the other?
2. Did the joint presence at the CSCE of the nine EEC Member States and the fifteen NATO partners prove effective, or did it merely serve, as has been publicly claimed on various sides, the Soviet policy of hegemony?
3. How does the Council intend to share in the task of supervising compliance with what was agreed at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and how does it intend to associate the Commission with this task?