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on the/association between the EEC and Greece

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In its resolution of 11 May 1967 on the Association between the EEC and Greece (Doc. 55/1967), the European Parliament asked its appropriate committee to follow the development of the situation in Greece.

At its meeting of 30 April 1974, the Political Affairs Committee appointed Mr CORTERIER rapporteur.

At the meeting of 5 September 1974, the Political Affairs Committee unanimously adopted this report.

The following were present : Mr Giraud, chairman; Lord Gladwyn, vice-chairman; Mr Corterier, rapporteur; Mr Behrendt, Mr Alfred Bertrand, Mr Bourges, Mr Dalsager, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Mr Jahn, Mr Kirk, Mr Klepsch (deputizing for Mr Blumenfeld), Mr Lücker, Mr McDonald, Mr Schuijt (deputizing for Mr Colin), Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Vandewiele (deputizing for Mr Scelba).

The rapporteur will present the explanatory statement orally.

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the Association between the EEC and Greece

The European Parliament,

- recalling its resolutions of 11 May 1967 and of 7 May 1969;
 - welcoming the replacement of a military regime by a civilian government in Greece;
 - expressing its hope that there will be a full and rapid return to parliamentary democracy in Greece; and
 - noting that in this respect a return has already been made to the principles of the 1952 Constitution;
 - expressing its hope that a return to democracy in Greece will contribute to the just and peaceful settlement of the Cyprus problem and to the improvement of relations between Greece and Turkey;
 - welcoming the official visit paid by its President in Greece in August 1974 at the invitation of the Greek Government;
 - noting the proposals made by the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning the Association on 30 August 1974;
 - considering that the criteria which should govern the re-establishment of the Association between the European Community and Greece are primarily political in nature;
1. Considers that the positive attitude concerning an early return to parliamentary democracy already shown by the Greek Government justifies the immediate 'defreezing' of the economic and commercial aspects of the Association, under conditions to be arranged by the Council of Association;
 2. Considers that pending the appointment of a new Greek parliamentary Delegation following elections, exploratory talks should be held, in the near future, between a Delegation of the European Parliament and a Delegation of the former Greek Parliament;
 3. Considers therefore that the following should be the criteria to be fulfilled by the Greek Government before the Association can be resumed in full :
 - (a) the holding of free parliamentary elections;
 - (b) the full restoration of the rule of law and human rights;

4. Considers that the Council and the Commission should act jointly with Parliament in re-establishing the Association with Greece following a decision by Parliament confirming the fulfilment of the above criteria;
5. Instructs the appropriate committees to follow the development of the situation in Greece and to report back to it;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission of the European Communities, the Council of Association and the Greek Government.