

ACP - EEC CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY

JOINT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

on Hunger in the World and the next ACP-EEC
Convention

(adopted unanimously with two abstentions on 24 February 1983)

The Joint Committee of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly
meeting in Kingston (Jamaica) from 21 to 24 February 1983,

- A. Whereas the policies prevailing in this third decade of development have resulted in increased international and social disorder, famine and malnutrition, destitution and violence,
- B. Whereas, in the ACP-EEC countries, this trend has not been reversed by the Convention of Lomé, despite its many positive aspects, and whereas most of the less developed countries lie within the area covered by this Convention,
- C. Whereas the right to life is thus increasingly being denied to whole peoples, falling victim to total impoverishment, and whereas the right to development seems set aside in advance for those who are already most favourably placed in social, economic and cultural terms,
- D. Whereas this process also rules out any policy of global negotiations between North and South, any political action recommended by the Brandt Commission report on North-South relations, and any policy complying with the international agreements freely entered into by the Member States of the Convention,

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1. Reaffirms the historical importance which the Association of European Community and ACP countries can and must assume, by giving these peoples an immediate prospect of life and development in interdependence and by undertaking today as a matter of urgency to bring about new legislation, new budgets, new international and national regulations and a genuine choice of investment for peaceful rather than warlike purposes;

2. Hopes therefore that the new Convention will be based on a prior undertaking by the ACP-EEC States and the Community institutions to provide the appropriate means required to guarantee the right to life, which ranks before the other rights - human, economic, social and cultural - also to be covered by the Convention; invites the institutions of Lomé II as of now, within their terms of reference and by virtue of the resolutions adopted by the Assembly and the Committee, to ensure observance of these priorities.